

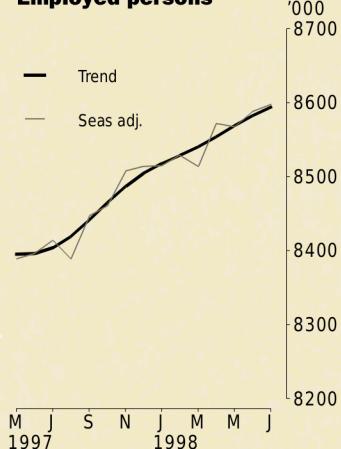


LABOUR FORCE

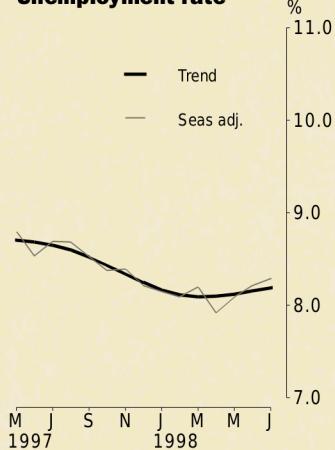
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Employed persons



Unemployment rate



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JULY KEY FIGURES

TREND

	<i>Jun 98</i>	<i>Jul 98</i>	<i>monthly change</i>
Employed persons ('000)	8 582.6	8 594.4	0.1 %
Unemployed persons ('000)	761.7	766.7	0.7 %
Unemployment rate (%)	8.2	8.2	0.0 pts
Participation rate (%)	63.3	63.4	0.0 pts

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	<i>Jun 98</i>	<i>Jul 98</i>	<i>monthly change</i>
Employed persons ('000)	8 587.5	8 598.0	10.5
Unemployed persons ('000)	767.8	777.0	9.2
Unemployment rate (%)	8.2	8.3	0.1 pts
Participation rate (%)	63.4	63.5	0.1 pts

JULY KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

EMPLOYMENT

- continued to rise steadily and reached 8,594,400 in July 1998.

UNEMPLOYMENT

- has been rising since March 1998, to 766,700 in July 1998.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

- remained steady at 8.2% in July 1998.

PARTICIPATION RATE

- continued to rise, to stand at 63.4% in July 1998.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

EMPLOYMENT

- rose by 10,500 to 8,598,000. The number of persons employed full time rose by 32,400 to 6,409,900, largely due to a rise of 23,100 in the number of females employed full time. Part-time employment fell by 21,900 to 2,188,100.

UNEMPLOYMENT

- rose by 9,200 to 777,000, with the number of persons looking for full-time work rising by 14,500 to 613,800.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

- rose by 0.1 percentage points to 8.3%.

- NSW 7.5% (7.6% last month); Vic. 8.5% (8.4%); Qld 9.1% (8.9%); SA 10.3% (10.0%); WA 7.4% (7.3%); Tas. 10.8% (10.7%).

PARTICIPATION RATE

- rose by 0.1 percentage points to 63.5%. The male and female rates both rose by 0.1 percentage points, to 73.1% and 54.1%, respectively.

N O T E S

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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August 1998	10 September 1998
September 1998	8 October 1998
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December 1998	14 January 1999
January 1999	11 February 1999

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ROUNDING

Estimates of monthly change shown on page 1 have been calculated using unrounded estimates, and may be different from, but are more accurate than, movements obtained from the rounded estimates. The graphs on page 1 also depict movements calculated from unrounded estimates.

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SAMPLING ERRORS

The estimates in this publication are based on a sample survey. Because the entire population is not enumerated, the published estimates and the movements derived from them are subject to sampling variability. Standard errors give a measure of this variability and appear on pages 30 and 31.

The 95% confidence intervals below provide another way of looking at the variability inherent in estimates from sample surveys. The interval bounded by the two limits is the 95% confidence interval. A 95% confidence interval indicates that we are 95% confident that the upper and lower limits enclose the true value of the estimate.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA SERIES	MOVEMENTS JUNE 1998 TO JULY 1998		
	Monthly change	95% Confidence interval	
Total employment	+10 500	-29 100	to 50 100
Total unemployment	+9 200	-6 600	to 25 000
Unemployment rate	0.1 pts	-0.1 pts	to 0.3 pts
Participation rate	0.1 pts	-0.1 pts	to 0.3 pts

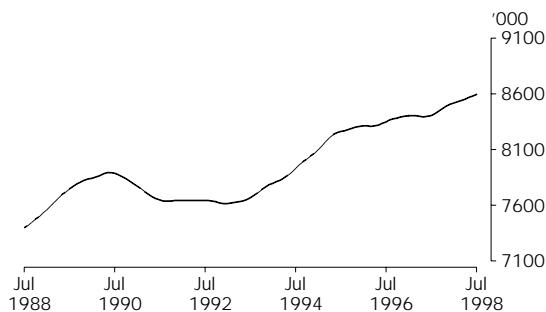
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PRINCIPAL LABOUR FORCE SERIES: Trend estimates

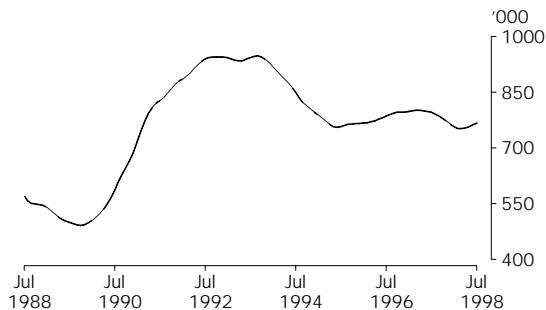
EMPLOYED PERSONS

The trend estimate of employed persons rose strongly from a low of 7,616,000 in January 1993, until early 1996. Apart from some small periods of decline in early 1996 and early 1997, the trend then continued to rise but at a slower rate. Growth from mid 1997 has been steady, with the trend estimate reaching 8,594,400 in July 1998.



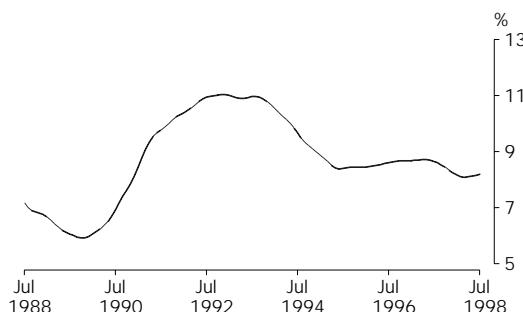
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

From a high of 947,800 in September 1993, the trend estimate of unemployment fell rapidly to 755,200 in June 1995. The trend then rose slowly for almost two years, reaching 801,400 in April 1997. After falling steadily to 751,600 in March 1998, trend unemployment estimates rose to 766,700 in July 1998.



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

From a high of 11.0% in mid 1993, the trend unemployment rate fell rapidly to 8.4% in May 1995. The trend then rose slowly, reaching 8.7% between September 1996 and June 1997. The trend subsequently fell to 8.1% in early 1998. In recent months, the trend estimate has risen slightly, to 8.2% in July 1998.

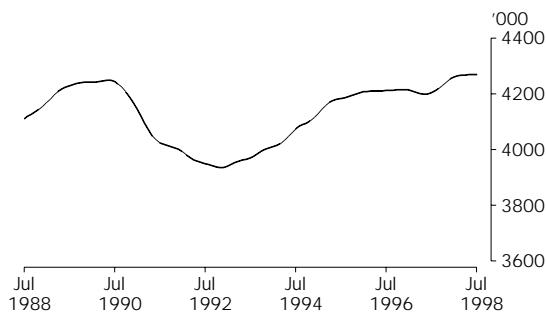


EMPLOYED PERSONS: Trend estimates

MALES EMPLOYED FULL TIME

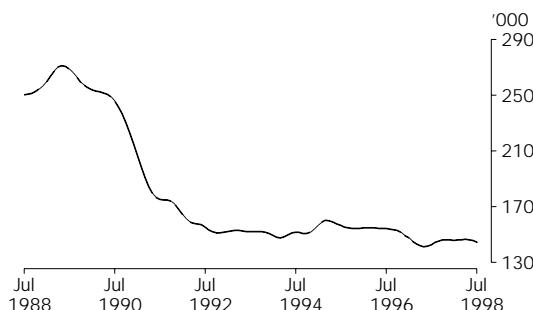
TOTAL

From a peak of 4,249,700 in May 1990, the trend estimate of male full-time employment fell to a low of 3,935,700 in late 1992. The trend estimate then rose strongly until May 1995. Growth then slowed, until early 1997, when a small fall was recorded. The trend estimate has been rising steadily since then, to 4,269,100 in July 1998.



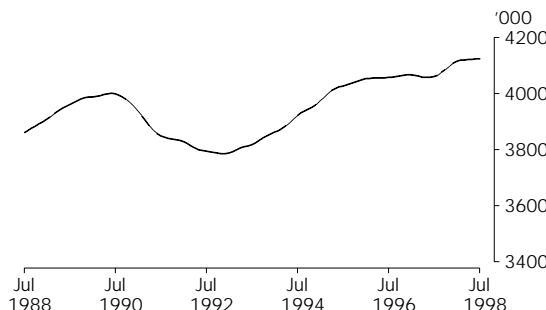
MALES AGED 15-19

The trend estimate of the number of junior males employed full time fell from 271,300 in May 1989 to 147,500 in March 1994 - a fall of more than 40%. The trend estimate has remained relatively flat since then and in July 1998 was 144,400.



MALES AGED 20 AND OVER

Trend estimates of adult male full-time employment fell from 4,000,700 in June 1990, to a low of 3,784,200 in late 1992. The trend then rose to 4,066,300 in January 1997. Following a small dip in mid 1997, the trend rose strongly for several months. Minimal growth has been recorded since then, with the trend estimate at 4,124,700 in July 1998.

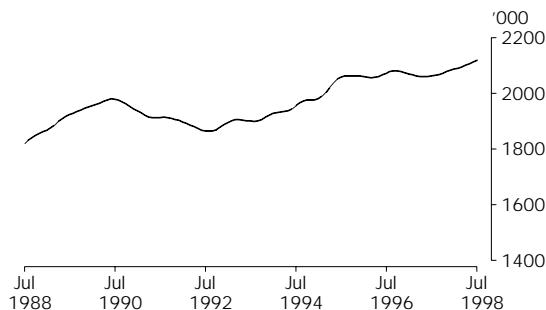


EMPLOYED PERSONS: Trend estimates

FEMALES EMPLOYED FULL TIME

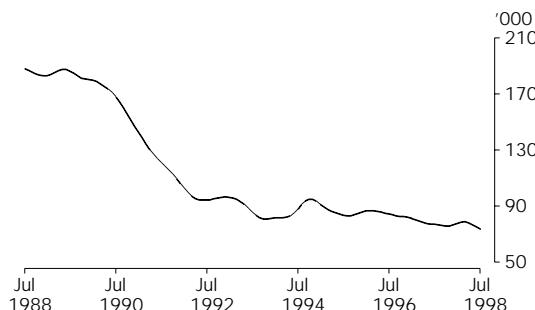
TOTAL

The trend estimate of female full-time employment rose from 1,863,600 in August 1992 to reach 2,081,000 in October 1996. The trend then recorded slight falls through the early part of 1997, before resuming to rise. In July 1998, the trend estimate stood at 2,120,000.



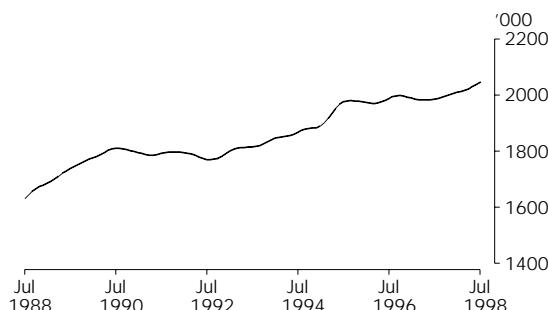
FEMALES AGED 15-19

The trend estimate of junior females employed full time more than halved in a rapid decline from 187,700 in May 1989 to 80,700 in October 1993. The trend estimate then rose for most of 1994, before beginning a slow and gradual decline. In July 1998, the trend estimate had fallen to 73,600.



FEMALES AGED 20 AND OVER

The trend estimate of female adult full-time employment rose from 1,769,100 in August 1992 to 1,980,300 in September 1995. Apart from small falls in early 1996 and early 1997, the trend estimate has continued to rise and was 2,046,500 in July 1998.



LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER): Original

EMPLOYED.....

UNEMPLOYED.....

				Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate
	Month	Full time	Part time	Total							
MALES											
1997											
May	4 183.6	577.1	4 760.7	402.9	55.2	458.1	5 218.8	1 936.8	7 155.6	8.8	72.9
June	4 191.0	591.4	4 782.4	384.4	52.0	436.4	5 218.8	1 945.3	7 164.1	8.4	72.8
July	4 231.3	562.9	4 794.2	397.5	50.1	447.6	5 241.8	1 930.9	7 172.8	8.5	73.1
August	4 153.3	575.9	4 729.2	398.5	49.4	447.8	5 177.0	2 004.4	7 181.4	8.7	72.1
September	4 235.5	581.0	4 816.6	399.5	70.0	469.5	5 286.1	1 904.0	7 190.1	8.9	73.5
October	4 234.5	577.3	4 811.8	370.2	56.5	426.7	5 238.5	1 961.2	7 199.7	8.1	72.8
November	4 238.8	582.6	4 821.4	378.3	59.0	437.2	5 258.7	1 950.6	7 209.3	8.3	72.9
December	4 309.7	586.8	4 896.5	380.0	66.5	446.5	5 343.0	1 875.9	7 218.9	8.4	74.0
1998											
January	4 270.0	541.9	4 811.9	417.8	59.9	477.8	5 289.7	1 936.9	7 226.6	9.0	73.2
February	4 261.2	554.5	4 815.7	412.9	70.0	482.9	5 298.7	1 935.6	7 234.3	9.1	73.2
March	4 246.0	587.4	4 833.4	396.2	63.3	459.5	5 292.9	1 949.1	7 242.0	8.7	73.1
April	4 268.7	587.1	4 855.8	359.0	59.2	418.2	5 274.0	1 976.4	7 250.4	7.9	72.7
May	4 249.0	598.8	4 847.8	377.4	56.1	433.5	5 281.3	1 977.6	7 258.9	8.2	72.8
June	4 254.4	606.5	4 860.9	381.3	50.9	432.2	5 293.1	1 974.3	7 267.4	8.2	72.8
July	4 298.1	575.3	4 873.4	382.2	50.5	432.7	5 306.1	1 969.2	7 275.3	8.2	72.9
FEMALES											
1997											
May	2 051.9	1 576.7	3 628.6	220.8	113.0	333.8	3 962.4	3 422.8	7 385.2	8.4	53.7
June	2 031.6	1 604.1	3 635.8	215.6	98.7	314.4	3 950.1	3 443.8	7 393.9	8.0	53.4
July	2 092.2	1 565.7	3 657.9	207.2	96.1	303.3	3 961.2	3 441.4	7 402.6	7.7	53.5
August	2 025.0	1 561.3	3 586.3	213.9	102.9	316.8	3 903.1	3 508.3	7 411.4	8.1	52.7
September	2 084.6	1 625.2	3 709.8	213.3	110.2	323.5	4 033.3	3 386.8	7 420.1	8.0	54.4
October	2 072.2	1 579.8	3 652.1	208.1	101.7	309.8	3 961.8	3 467.4	7 429.2	7.8	53.3
November	2 081.6	1 618.5	3 700.0	204.2	95.3	299.6	3 999.6	3 438.7	7 438.3	7.5	53.8
December	2 133.9	1 584.9	3 718.8	218.0	99.1	317.1	4 035.9	3 411.5	7 447.4	7.9	54.2
1998											
January	2 085.9	1 488.5	3 574.4	236.0	103.1	339.1	3 913.6	3 540.8	7 454.3	8.7	52.5
February	2 086.7	1 559.7	3 646.4	244.8	114.7	359.5	4 005.9	3 455.3	7 461.2	9.0	53.7
March	2 083.9	1 603.1	3 687.0	230.5	112.0	342.5	4 029.5	3 438.6	7 468.2	8.5	54.0
April	2 098.2	1 622.4	3 720.6	209.0	109.5	318.6	4 039.2	3 436.7	7 475.9	7.9	54.0
May	2 076.8	1 643.0	3 719.8	212.4	92.6	304.9	4 024.7	3 459.0	7 483.7	7.6	53.8
June	2 095.7	1 653.2	3 748.8	199.7	103.7	303.4	4 052.2	3 439.3	7 491.5	7.5	54.1
July	2 157.1	1 606.3	3 763.3	199.3	95.9	295.1	4 058.5	3 440.4	7 498.9	7.3	54.1
PERSONS											
1997											
May	6 235.5	2 153.8	8 389.3	623.7	168.2	791.9	9 181.2	5 359.6	14 540.8	8.6	63.1
June	6 222.6	2 195.5	8 418.1	600.1	150.7	750.8	9 168.9	5 389.1	14 558.0	8.2	63.0
July	6 323.5	2 128.6	8 452.1	604.7	146.2	750.9	9 203.0	5 372.4	14 575.4	8.2	63.1
August	6 178.4	2 137.1	8 315.5	612.4	152.2	764.6	9 080.1	5 512.7	14 592.8	8.4	62.2
September	6 320.2	2 206.2	8 526.4	612.8	180.2	793.0	9 319.4	5 290.9	14 610.3	8.5	63.8
October	6 306.7	2 157.2	8 463.9	578.3	158.1	736.4	9 200.3	5 428.6	14 628.9	8.0	62.9
November	6 320.4	2 201.1	8 521.5	582.5	154.3	736.8	9 258.3	5 389.3	14 647.6	8.0	63.2
December	6 443.6	2 171.7	8 615.2	598.0	165.7	763.6	9 378.9	5 287.4	14 666.3	8.1	63.9
1998											
January	6 355.9	2 030.4	8 386.3	653.9	163.0	816.9	9 203.2	5 477.7	14 680.9	8.9	62.7
February	6 347.9	2 114.2	8 462.1	657.7	184.8	842.5	9 304.6	5 390.9	14 695.5	9.1	63.3
March	6 329.9	2 190.5	8 520.4	626.7	175.3	802.0	9 322.4	5 387.7	14 710.1	8.6	63.4
April	6 366.9	2 209.5	8 576.4	568.0	168.8	736.8	9 313.2	5 413.2	14 726.4	7.9	63.2
May	6 325.8	2 241.8	8 567.6	589.8	148.7	738.5	9 306.1	5 436.6	14 742.6	7.9	63.1
June	6 350.1	2 259.7	8 609.8	581.0	154.6	735.6	9 345.4	5 413.6	14 758.9	7.9	63.3
July	6 455.2	2 181.6	8 636.8	581.4	146.4	727.8	9 364.6	5 409.6	14 774.2	7.8	63.4

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER): **Seasonally adjusted**

EMPLOYED.....

UNEMPLOYED.....

Month	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....			Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total			
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MALES									
1997									
May	4 193.5	572.4	4 765.9	405.6	57.7	463.3	5 229.2	8.9	73.1
June	4 199.9	578.6	4 778.5	394.5	57.5	452.0	5 230.6	8.6	73.0
July	4 207.8	568.7	4 776.6	417.7	56.7	474.4	5 251.0	9.0	73.2
August	4 195.4	567.0	4 762.4	406.5	55.8	462.4	5 224.7	8.8	72.8
September	4 224.2	566.7	4 790.9	399.5	64.7	464.3	5 255.2	8.8	73.1
October	4 233.3	574.3	4 807.6	391.4	59.6	451.0	5 258.6	8.6	73.0
November	4 247.0	584.5	4 831.5	391.5	66.4	457.9	5 289.4	8.7	73.4
December	4 248.4	587.8	4 836.3	382.5	62.6	445.1	5 281.4	8.4	73.2
1998									
January	4 271.4	572.1	4 843.5	378.6	54.9	433.5	5 277.0	8.2	73.0
February	4 257.3	580.6	4 837.8	379.2	64.8	444.0	5 281.9	8.4	73.0
March	4 263.3	577.8	4 841.1	387.9	54.0	441.8	5 282.9	8.4	72.9
April	4 281.1	576.1	4 857.2	365.8	56.7	422.5	5 279.7	8.0	72.8
May	4 259.8	593.8	4 853.5	379.9	58.9	438.8	5 292.3	8.3	72.9
June	4 264.6	593.0	4 857.6	391.5	56.3	447.8	5 305.3	8.4	73.0
July	4 274.0	582.1	4 856.1	401.8	57.2	459.0	5 315.0	8.6	73.1
FEMALES									
1997									
May	2 064.4	1 558.3	3 622.7	228.2	116.7	344.9	3 967.7	8.7	53.7
June	2 047.8	1 569.7	3 617.5	224.3	106.7	331.0	3 948.6	8.4	53.4
July	2 072.1	1 565.5	3 637.6	219.8	106.2	326.0	3 963.6	8.2	53.5
August	2 060.2	1 566.2	3 626.5	224.9	110.2	335.1	3 961.6	8.5	53.5
September	2 071.6	1 584.5	3 656.1	218.3	104.6	322.9	3 979.0	8.1	53.6
October	2 066.0	1 586.7	3 652.7	218.7	103.8	322.6	3 975.2	8.1	53.5
November	2 077.3	1 598.4	3 675.7	219.0	101.8	320.8	3 996.5	8.0	53.7
December	2 089.3	1 588.4	3 677.7	215.2	101.2	316.4	3 994.1	7.9	53.6
1998									
January	2 086.1	1 585.0	3 671.1	214.5	106.9	321.3	3 992.5	8.0	53.6
February	2 093.3	1 598.2	3 691.5	209.5	97.4	306.9	3 998.5	7.7	53.6
March	2 087.3	1 585.5	3 672.8	221.6	97.0	318.6	3 991.4	8.0	53.4
April	2 111.9	1 603.0	3 714.9	208.0	106.8	314.7	4 029.7	7.8	53.9
May	2 089.2	1 624.6	3 713.8	219.5	95.6	315.1	4 028.9	7.8	53.8
June	2 112.9	1 617.0	3 730.0	207.8	112.2	320.1	4 050.0	7.9	54.1
July	2 136.0	1 606.0	3 742.0	212.0	106.0	318.1	4 060.0	7.8	54.1
PERSONS									
1997									
May	6 257.9	2 130.7	8 388.6	633.8	174.5	808.2	9 196.8	8.8	63.2
June	6 247.7	2 148.4	8 396.1	618.8	164.3	783.1	9 179.2	8.5	63.1
July	6 280.0	2 134.2	8 414.2	637.5	162.9	800.4	9 214.6	8.7	63.2
August	6 255.6	2 133.2	8 388.8	631.4	166.1	797.5	9 186.3	8.7	63.0
September	6 295.8	2 151.2	8 447.0	617.8	169.3	787.1	9 234.2	8.5	63.2
October	6 299.3	2 161.0	8 460.3	610.1	163.4	773.5	9 233.8	8.4	63.1
November	6 324.3	2 182.9	8 507.2	610.5	168.2	778.7	9 285.9	8.4	63.4
December	6 337.8	2 176.2	8 514.0	597.7	163.8	761.5	9 275.5	8.2	63.2
1998									
January	6 357.5	2 157.1	8 514.6	593.1	161.8	754.8	9 269.5	8.1	63.1
February	6 350.6	2 178.8	8 529.4	588.7	162.2	751.0	9 280.3	8.1	63.2
March	6 350.5	2 163.3	8 513.9	609.4	151.0	760.4	9 274.3	8.2	63.0
April	6 393.0	2 179.1	8 572.1	573.8	163.4	737.2	9 309.3	7.9	63.2
May	6 349.0	2 218.4	8 567.4	599.4	154.4	753.9	9 321.2	8.1	63.2
June	6 377.5	2 210.0	8 587.5	599.3	168.5	767.8	9 355.4	8.2	63.4
July	6 409.9	2 188.1	8 598.0	613.8	163.2	777.0	9 375.1	8.3	63.5

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER): Trend(a)

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	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MALES									
1997									
May	4 198.0	569.3	4 767.3	407.0	58.0	464.9	5 232.3	8.9	73.1
June	4 198.4	570.6	4 769.0	406.6	57.7	464.4	5 233.3	8.9	73.1
July	4 202.4	571.0	4 773.4	405.5	58.3	463.8	5 237.2	8.9	73.0
August	4 210.0	571.7	4 781.7	403.4	59.3	462.7	5 244.4	8.8	73.0
September	4 220.3	573.0	4 793.3	399.8	60.6	460.4	5 253.7	8.8	73.1
October	4 231.7	575.3	4 807.0	394.9	61.8	456.7	5 263.7	8.7	73.1
November	4 243.1	577.6	4 820.7	389.6	62.2	451.8	5 272.5	8.6	73.1
December	4 253.0	579.1	4 832.0	384.6	61.7	446.3	5 278.3	8.5	73.1
1998									
January	4 260.3	579.8	4 840.1	380.5	60.5	441.0	5 281.1	8.4	73.1
February	4 264.4	580.1	4 844.5	378.5	59.1	437.6	5 282.1	8.3	73.0
March	4 266.3	581.0	4 847.3	378.5	58.0	436.5	5 283.8	8.3	73.0
April	4 267.5	582.7	4 850.2	380.3	57.4	437.7	5 287.9	8.3	72.9
May	4 268.4	585.0	4 853.4	383.5	57.0	440.5	5 293.9	8.3	72.9
June	4 269.2	587.0	4 856.2	387.5	56.9	444.4	5 300.5	8.4	72.9
July	4 269.1	589.0	4 858.1	391.8	56.9	448.7	5 306.9	8.5	73.0
FEMALES									
1997									
May	2 059.8	1 568.0	3 627.8	226.2	109.3	335.5	3 963.4	8.5	53.7
June	2 060.1	1 566.5	3 626.6	224.8	109.1	333.9	3 960.5	8.4	53.6
July	2 061.7	1 568.5	3 630.2	223.3	108.3	331.7	3 961.8	8.4	53.5
August	2 064.4	1 573.4	3 637.7	221.8	107.0	328.8	3 966.5	8.3	53.5
September	2 068.1	1 579.8	3 647.9	220.1	105.6	325.7	3 973.6	8.2	53.6
October	2 072.5	1 585.3	3 657.8	218.5	104.2	322.7	3 980.5	8.1	53.6
November	2 077.7	1 588.6	3 666.3	217.1	103.1	320.2	3 986.4	8.0	53.6
December	2 082.7	1 590.0	3 672.8	215.9	102.0	317.9	3 990.6	8.0	53.6
1998									
January	2 086.9	1 591.5	3 678.4	215.0	101.0	316.0	3 994.4	7.9	53.6
February	2 090.8	1 594.1	3 684.9	214.4	100.7	315.1	4 000.0	7.9	53.6
March	2 094.9	1 598.5	3 693.4	214.1	101.0	315.1	4 008.5	7.9	53.7
April	2 100.0	1 603.9	3 704.0	213.7	101.9	315.6	4 019.6	7.9	53.8
May	2 106.3	1 609.1	3 715.5	213.1	103.3	316.4	4 031.8	7.8	53.9
June	2 113.1	1 613.3	3 726.5	212.5	104.8	317.3	4 043.7	7.8	54.0
July	2 120.0	1 616.2	3 736.2	211.9	106.1	318.0	4 054.2	7.8	54.1
PERSONS									
1997									
May	6 257.8	2 137.4	8 395.1	633.2	167.3	800.5	9 195.6	8.7	63.2
June	6 258.5	2 137.1	8 395.6	631.4	166.9	798.3	9 193.8	8.7	63.2
July	6 264.1	2 139.5	8 403.6	628.8	166.6	795.5	9 199.1	8.6	63.1
August	6 274.3	2 145.1	8 419.4	625.2	166.3	791.5	9 210.9	8.6	63.1
September	6 288.4	2 152.7	8 441.2	619.8	166.3	786.1	9 227.3	8.5	63.2
October	6 304.2	2 160.6	8 464.8	613.4	166.0	779.4	9 244.2	8.4	63.2
November	6 320.8	2 166.2	8 487.0	606.7	165.3	772.0	9 258.9	8.3	63.2
December	6 335.7	2 169.1	8 504.8	600.4	163.7	764.2	9 269.0	8.2	63.2
1998									
January	6 347.2	2 171.3	8 518.5	595.5	161.5	757.0	9 275.4	8.2	63.2
February	6 355.2	2 174.2	8 529.4	593.0	159.8	752.7	9 282.1	8.1	63.2
March	6 361.2	2 179.4	8 540.7	592.6	159.1	751.6	9 292.3	8.1	63.2
April	6 367.5	2 186.7	8 554.2	594.0	159.3	753.3	9 307.5	8.1	63.2
May	6 374.7	2 194.1	8 568.9	596.6	160.3	756.9	9 325.8	8.1	63.3
June	6 382.3	2 200.3	8 582.6	600.0	161.6	761.7	9 344.3	8.2	63.3
July	6 389.1	2 205.2	8 594.4	603.7	163.0	766.7	9 361.1	8.2	63.4

(a) Trend estimates for January 1998 to June 1998 have been revised.

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	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
MALES												
1997												
May	51.8	351.1	402.9	55.2	458.1	27.7	8.0	8.8	8.7	8.8	7.9	5.4
June	47.9	336.5	384.4	52.0	436.4	26.7	7.7	8.4	8.1	8.4	7.3	5.2
July	47.1	350.5	397.5	50.1	447.6	24.5	7.9	8.6	8.2	8.5	7.1	5.4
August	44.4	354.1	398.5	49.4	447.8	25.1	8.1	8.8	7.9	8.7	6.7	5.4
September	44.7	354.8	399.5	70.0	469.5	24.0	8.0	8.6	10.8	8.9	6.8	5.4
October	44.7	325.5	370.2	56.5	426.7	23.3	7.4	8.0	8.9	8.1	6.8	5.0
November	43.7	334.5	378.3	59.0	437.2	23.9	7.5	8.2	9.2	8.3	6.6	5.1
December	56.9	323.1	380.0	66.5	446.5	27.2	7.2	8.1	10.2	8.4	8.6	4.9
1998												
January	59.2	358.6	417.8	59.9	477.8	26.9	8.0	8.9	10.0	9.0	8.9	5.5
February	52.3	360.7	412.9	70.0	482.9	25.3	8.1	8.8	11.2	9.1	7.8	5.5
March	54.5	341.7	396.2	63.3	459.5	26.8	7.7	8.5	9.7	8.7	8.2	5.2
April	44.6	314.4	359.0	59.2	418.2	23.5	7.1	7.8	9.2	7.9	6.7	4.8
May	49.9	327.5	377.4	56.1	433.5	25.8	7.4	8.2	8.6	8.2	7.5	5.0
June	48.4	332.9	381.3	50.9	432.2	25.8	7.5	8.2	7.7	8.2	7.2	5.0
July	48.1	334.0	382.2	50.5	432.7	25.4	7.4	8.2	8.1	8.2	7.2	5.1
FEMALES												
1997												
May	30.3	190.5	220.8	113.0	333.8	29.3	8.8	9.7	6.7	8.4	4.8	2.8
June	31.6	184.1	215.6	98.7	314.4	31.5	8.6	9.6	5.8	8.0	5.0	2.7
July	28.4	178.8	207.2	96.1	303.3	25.5	8.2	9.0	5.8	7.7	4.5	2.6
August	30.5	183.4	213.9	102.9	316.8	29.7	8.6	9.6	6.2	8.1	4.9	2.7
September	29.7	183.6	213.3	110.2	323.5	28.0	8.4	9.3	6.3	8.0	4.7	2.7
October	30.9	177.2	208.1	101.7	309.8	28.6	8.2	9.1	6.0	7.8	4.9	2.6
November	34.1	170.2	204.2	95.3	299.6	33.6	7.8	8.9	5.6	7.5	5.4	2.5
December	45.1	172.9	218.0	99.1	317.1	34.5	7.8	9.3	5.9	7.9	7.1	2.5
1998												
January	52.3	183.8	236.0	103.1	339.1	36.9	8.4	10.2	6.5	8.7	8.3	2.7
February	43.3	201.5	244.8	114.7	359.5	34.2	9.1	10.5	6.9	9.0	6.8	3.0
March	41.1	189.4	230.5	112.0	342.5	35.1	8.6	10.0	6.5	8.5	6.5	2.8
April	35.0	174.0	209.0	109.5	318.6	31.4	7.9	9.1	6.3	7.9	5.5	2.5
May	35.9	176.4	212.4	92.6	304.9	33.7	8.1	9.3	5.3	7.6	5.7	2.6
June	30.7	169.0	199.7	103.7	303.4	30.7	7.7	8.7	5.9	7.5	4.8	2.5
July	31.1	168.2	199.3	95.9	295.1	29.1	7.5	8.5	5.6	7.3	4.9	2.5
PERSONS												
1997												
May	82.0	541.7	623.7	168.2	791.9	28.3	8.2	9.1	7.2	8.6	6.4	4.1
June	79.5	520.6	600.1	150.7	750.8	28.4	8.0	8.8	6.4	8.2	6.2	3.9
July	75.4	529.3	604.7	146.2	750.9	24.9	8.0	8.7	6.4	8.2	5.9	4.0
August	74.9	537.5	612.4	152.2	764.6	26.8	8.3	9.0	6.6	8.4	5.8	4.0
September	74.5	538.4	612.8	180.2	793.0	25.4	8.1	8.8	7.6	8.5	5.8	4.0
October	75.6	502.7	578.3	158.1	736.4	25.2	7.6	8.4	6.8	8.0	5.9	3.8
November	77.8	504.7	582.5	154.3	736.8	27.4	7.6	8.4	6.6	8.0	6.0	3.8
December	102.0	496.0	598.0	165.7	763.6	30.0	7.4	8.5	7.1	8.1	7.9	3.7
1998												
January	111.5	542.4	653.9	163.0	816.9	30.8	8.2	9.3	7.4	8.9	8.6	4.1
February	95.5	562.2	657.7	184.8	842.5	28.7	8.4	9.4	8.0	9.1	7.4	4.2
March	95.6	531.1	626.7	175.3	802.0	29.8	8.0	9.0	7.4	8.6	7.3	4.0
April	79.7	488.4	568.0	168.8	736.8	26.4	7.4	8.2	7.1	7.9	6.1	3.6
May	85.9	503.9	589.8	148.7	738.5	28.6	7.6	8.5	6.2	7.9	6.6	3.7
June	79.1	501.9	581.0	154.6	735.6	27.5	7.6	8.4	6.4	7.9	6.1	3.7
July	79.2	502.2	581.4	146.4	727.8	26.8	7.5	8.3	6.3	7.8	6.1	3.7

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: Seasonally adjusted

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	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
MALES												
1997												
May	51.1	354.4	405.6	57.7	463.3	26.6	8.0	8.8	9.2	8.9	7.8	5.5
June	49.3	345.2	394.5	57.5	452.0	26.0	7.8	8.6	9.0	8.6	7.5	5.3
July	52.2	365.4	417.7	56.7	474.4	26.8	8.2	9.0	9.1	9.0	7.9	5.6
August	50.4	356.2	406.5	55.8	462.4	26.3	8.1	8.8	9.0	8.8	7.6	5.5
September	50.5	349.0	399.5	64.7	464.3	25.8	7.9	8.6	10.3	8.8	7.6	5.3
October	50.2	341.1	391.4	59.6	451.0	24.9	7.7	8.5	9.4	8.6	7.6	5.2
November	48.2	343.3	391.5	66.4	457.9	24.6	7.7	8.4	10.2	8.7	7.3	5.2
December	48.2	334.3	382.5	62.6	445.1	25.6	7.5	8.3	9.6	8.4	7.2	5.1
1998												
January	47.4	331.2	378.6	54.9	433.5	24.5	7.4	8.1	8.8	8.2	7.1	5.0
February	45.8	333.4	379.2	64.8	444.0	23.8	7.5	8.2	10.0	8.4	6.9	5.1
March	54.2	333.7	387.9	54.0	441.8	26.7	7.5	8.3	8.5	8.4	8.1	5.1
April	45.8	320.1	365.8	56.7	422.5	24.4	7.2	7.9	9.0	8.0	6.8	4.9
May	49.2	330.6	379.9	58.9	438.8	24.7	7.4	8.2	9.0	8.3	7.4	5.0
June	49.8	341.7	391.5	56.3	447.8	25.1	7.7	8.4	8.7	8.4	7.4	5.2
July	53.3	348.5	401.8	57.2	459.0	27.7	7.8	8.6	8.9	8.6	8.0	5.3
FEMALES												
1997												
May	31.7	196.5	228.2	116.7	344.9	29.2	9.0	10.0	7.0	8.7	5.1	2.9
June	33.7	190.6	224.3	106.7	331.0	31.4	8.8	9.9	6.4	8.4	5.4	2.8
July	33.2	186.6	219.8	106.2	326.0	29.6	8.6	9.6	6.4	8.2	5.3	2.8
August	33.4	191.5	224.9	110.2	335.1	29.9	8.8	9.8	6.6	8.5	5.3	2.8
September	33.1	185.1	218.3	104.6	322.9	30.0	8.5	9.5	6.2	8.1	5.3	2.7
October	35.9	182.9	218.7	103.8	322.6	32.0	8.4	9.6	6.1	8.1	5.7	2.7
November	37.9	181.1	219.0	101.8	320.8	34.6	8.3	9.5	6.0	8.0	6.0	2.7
December	36.9	178.3	215.2	101.2	316.4	32.5	8.1	9.3	6.0	7.9	5.8	2.6
1998												
January	41.1	173.4	214.5	106.9	321.3	34.7	7.9	9.3	6.3	8.0	6.5	2.5
February	35.4	174.2	209.5	97.4	306.9	30.7	8.0	9.1	5.7	7.7	5.6	2.6
March	40.1	181.4	221.6	97.0	318.6	33.3	8.3	9.6	5.8	8.0	6.3	2.7
April	37.1	170.8	208.0	106.8	314.7	31.4	7.8	9.0	6.2	7.8	5.9	2.5
May	37.6	181.9	219.5	95.6	315.1	33.6	8.3	9.5	5.6	7.8	5.9	2.7
June	32.7	175.1	207.8	112.2	320.1	30.7	7.9	9.0	6.5	7.9	5.1	2.6
July	36.6	175.5	212.0	106.0	318.1	33.6	7.8	9.0	6.2	7.8	5.8	2.6
PERSONS												
1997												
May	82.9	550.9	633.8	174.5	808.2	27.5	8.4	9.2	7.6	8.8	6.4	4.2
June	83.0	535.8	618.8	164.3	783.1	28.0	8.2	9.0	7.1	8.5	6.5	4.0
July	85.4	552.1	637.5	162.9	800.4	27.8	8.4	9.2	7.1	8.7	6.6	4.2
August	83.8	547.7	631.4	166.1	797.5	27.6	8.3	9.2	7.2	8.7	6.5	4.1
September	83.6	534.2	617.8	169.3	787.1	27.3	8.1	8.9	7.3	8.5	6.5	4.0
October	86.1	524.0	610.1	163.4	773.5	27.4	7.9	8.8	7.0	8.4	6.7	3.9
November	86.1	524.4	610.5	168.2	778.7	28.1	7.9	8.8	7.2	8.4	6.7	3.9
December	85.1	512.6	597.7	163.8	761.5	28.2	7.7	8.6	7.0	8.2	6.6	3.8
1998												
January	88.5	504.6	593.1	161.8	754.8	28.4	7.6	8.5	7.0	8.1	6.8	3.8
February	81.2	507.6	588.7	162.2	751.0	26.4	7.7	8.5	6.9	8.1	6.2	3.8
March	94.3	515.1	609.4	151.0	760.4	29.2	7.8	8.8	6.5	8.2	7.3	3.8
April	82.9	490.9	573.8	163.4	737.2	27.1	7.4	8.2	7.0	7.9	6.4	3.7
May	86.9	512.6	599.4	154.4	753.9	27.9	7.7	8.6	6.5	8.1	6.7	3.8
June	82.5	516.8	599.3	168.5	767.8	27.1	7.7	8.6	7.1	8.2	6.3	3.8
July	89.9	523.9	613.8	163.2	777.0	29.9	7.8	8.7	6.9	8.3	6.9	3.9

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	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
MALES												
1997												
May	51.5	355.5	407.0	58.0	464.9	26.7	8.1	8.8	9.2	8.9	7.8	5.5
June	51.2	355.5	406.6	57.7	464.4	26.6	8.1	8.8	9.2	8.9	7.8	5.5
July	50.8	354.7	405.5	58.3	463.8	26.3	8.0	8.8	9.3	8.9	7.7	5.4
August	50.5	352.9	403.4	59.3	462.7	26.0	8.0	8.7	9.4	8.8	7.6	5.4
September	50.1	349.7	399.8	60.6	460.4	25.6	7.9	8.7	9.6	8.8	7.6	5.4
October	49.5	345.5	394.9	61.8	456.7	25.3	7.8	8.5	9.7	8.7	7.5	5.3
November	48.8	340.8	389.6	62.2	451.8	25.0	7.7	8.4	9.7	8.6	7.4	5.2
December	48.3	336.2	384.6	61.7	446.3	24.9	7.6	8.3	9.6	8.5	7.3	5.1
1998												
January	48.1	332.4	380.5	60.5	441.0	24.8	7.5	8.2	9.5	8.4	7.2	5.1
February	48.2	330.4	378.5	59.1	437.6	24.8	7.4	8.2	9.2	8.3	7.2	5.0
March	48.5	330.0	378.5	58.0	436.5	24.9	7.4	8.1	9.1	8.3	7.3	5.0
April	49.1	331.2	380.3	57.4	437.7	25.1	7.4	8.2	9.0	8.3	7.3	5.0
May	49.8	333.7	383.5	57.0	440.5	25.4	7.5	8.2	8.9	8.3	7.4	5.1
June	50.4	337.1	387.5	56.9	444.4	25.7	7.6	8.3	8.8	8.4	7.5	5.1
July	51.2	340.6	391.8	56.9	448.7	26.2	7.6	8.4	8.8	8.5	7.6	5.2
FEMALES												
1997												
May	33.7	192.5	226.2	109.3	335.5	30.3	8.9	9.9	6.5	8.5	5.4	2.8
June	33.3	191.5	224.8	109.1	333.9	30.1	8.8	9.8	6.5	8.4	5.3	2.8
July	33.2	190.1	223.3	108.3	331.7	30.1	8.7	9.8	6.5	8.4	5.3	2.8
August	33.6	188.2	221.8	107.0	328.8	30.5	8.7	9.7	6.4	8.3	5.3	2.8
September	34.4	185.7	220.1	105.6	325.7	31.1	8.5	9.6	6.3	8.2	5.5	2.7
October	35.6	182.9	218.5	104.2	322.7	31.9	8.4	9.5	6.2	8.1	5.7	2.7
November	36.8	180.3	217.1	103.1	320.2	32.7	8.3	9.5	6.1	8.0	5.8	2.6
December	37.8	178.0	215.9	102.0	317.9	33.1	8.2	9.4	6.0	8.0	6.0	2.6
1998												
January	38.4	176.5	215.0	101.0	316.0	33.1	8.1	9.3	6.0	7.9	6.1	2.6
February	38.4	176.0	214.4	100.7	315.1	32.8	8.0	9.3	5.9	7.9	6.1	2.6
March	37.9	176.1	214.1	101.0	315.1	32.5	8.0	9.3	5.9	7.9	6.0	2.6
April	37.2	176.4	213.7	101.9	315.6	32.3	8.0	9.2	6.0	7.9	5.9	2.6
May	36.5	176.6	213.1	103.3	316.4	32.3	8.0	9.2	6.0	7.8	5.8	2.6
June	35.9	176.6	212.5	104.8	317.3	32.4	8.0	9.1	6.1	7.8	5.6	2.6
July	35.2	176.7	211.9	106.1	318.0	32.4	7.9	9.1	6.2	7.8	5.5	2.6
PERSONS												
1997												
May	85.2	548.0	633.2	167.3	800.5	28.0	8.3	9.2	7.3	8.7	6.6	4.1
June	84.4	547.0	631.4	166.9	798.3	27.9	8.3	9.2	7.2	8.7	6.6	4.1
July	84.0	544.8	628.8	166.6	795.5	27.7	8.3	9.1	7.2	8.6	6.5	4.1
August	84.1	541.1	625.2	166.3	791.5	27.6	8.2	9.1	7.2	8.6	6.5	4.1
September	84.5	535.4	619.8	166.3	786.1	27.6	8.1	9.0	7.2	8.5	6.5	4.0
October	85.1	528.4	613.4	166.0	779.4	27.7	8.0	8.9	7.1	8.4	6.6	4.0
November	85.6	521.0	606.7	165.3	772.0	27.8	7.9	8.8	7.1	8.3	6.6	3.9
December	86.2	514.3	600.4	163.7	764.2	27.9	7.8	8.7	7.0	8.2	6.6	3.8
1998												
January	86.5	508.9	595.5	161.5	757.0	27.9	7.7	8.6	6.9	8.2	6.7	3.8
February	86.6	506.4	593.0	159.8	752.7	27.8	7.6	8.5	6.8	8.1	6.7	3.8
March	86.5	506.1	592.6	159.1	751.6	27.8	7.6	8.5	6.8	8.1	6.6	3.8
April	86.4	507.6	594.0	159.3	753.3	27.8	7.6	8.5	6.8	8.1	6.6	3.8
May	86.3	510.3	596.6	160.3	756.9	27.9	7.7	8.6	6.8	8.1	6.6	3.8
June	86.3	513.7	600.0	161.6	761.7	28.1	7.7	8.6	6.8	8.2	6.6	3.8
July	86.4	517.3	603.7	163.0	766.7	28.4	7.7	8.6	6.9	8.2	6.6	3.8

(a) Trend estimates for January 1998 to June 1998 have been revised.

EMPLOYED.....

UNEMPLOYED.....

				<i>Looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Looking for p/t work</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population aged 15-19</i>	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i>	<i>Partic- ipation rate</i>
	<i>Full time</i>	<i>Part time</i>	<i>Total</i>								
	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	%	%
ATTENDING NEITHER SCHOOL NOR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME											
Males	134.0	29.4	163.3	42.5	* 2.2	44.7	208.0	19.9	227.9	21.5	91.3
Females	70.1	47.8	118.0	27.2	* 1.5	28.7	146.7	27.5	174.2	19.6	84.2
Persons	204.1	77.2	281.3	69.7	* 3.7	73.4	354.7	47.4	402.1	20.7	88.2
ATTENDING A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME											
Males	5.0	40.0	45.0	* 3.4	6.7	10.1	55.1	47.4	102.5	18.3	53.7
Females	* 3.8	58.1	62.0	* 1.7	7.8	9.4	71.4	43.7	115.2	13.2	62.0
Persons	8.8	98.1	107.0	5.0	14.5	19.5	126.5	91.2	217.7	15.4	58.1
ATTENDING SCHOOL											
Males	* 2.1	87.6	89.7	* 2.3	16.0	18.3	108.0	231.8	339.8	16.9	31.8
Females	* 1.7	116.7	118.5	* 2.2	18.6	20.8	139.3	207.3	346.5	14.9	40.2
Persons	* 3.8	204.4	208.2	4.5	34.6	39.1	247.3	439.1	686.4	15.8	36.0
TOTAL											
Males	141.1	157.0	298.1	48.1	24.9	73.1	371.1	299.1	670.3	19.7	55.4
Females	75.7	222.7	298.4	31.1	27.9	58.9	357.4	278.5	635.9	16.5	56.2
Persons	216.8	379.7	596.5	79.2	52.8	132.0	728.5	577.7	1 306.1	18.1	55.8

EMPLOYED.....

UNEMPLOYED.....

				Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Partic- ipati- on rate	
	Full time	Part time	Total							'000	%
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MALES											
New South Wales	1 463.8	175.6	1 639.4	115.6	12.6	128.2	1 767.6	687.9	2 455.5	7.3	72.0
Victoria	1 055.8	156.7	1 212.5	89.2	13.5	102.7	1 315.2	488.8	1 804.1	7.8	72.9
Queensland	799.6	111.3	911.0	80.8	10.8	91.6	1 002.6	350.4	1 353.0	9.1	74.1
South Australia	322.1	44.7	366.8	38.0	4.6	42.6	409.4	176.5	585.9	10.4	69.9
Western Australia	446.3	55.2	501.4	35.3	5.2	40.5	542.0	170.3	712.3	7.5	76.1
Tasmania	93.7	14.3	107.9	14.3	1.6	15.9	123.8	57.4	181.2	12.8	68.3
Northern Territory	43.7	5.8	49.5	2.8	* 0.7	3.5	53.0	14.7	67.7	6.6	78.3
Australian Capital Territory	73.1	11.8	84.9	6.1	1.5	7.6	92.4	23.3	115.7	8.2	79.9
Australia	4 298.1	575.3	4 873.4	382.2	50.5	432.7	5 306.1	1 969.2	7 275.3	8.2	72.9
FEMALES											
New South Wales	762.9	492.3	1 255.2	59.9	28.8	88.7	1 344.0	1 198.3	2 542.3	6.6	52.9
Victoria	535.5	404.9	940.4	53.8	28.9	82.8	1 023.2	859.4	1 882.6	8.1	54.4
Queensland	391.9	312.9	704.8	41.4	18.1	59.5	764.4	612.6	1 377.0	7.8	55.5
South Australia	145.5	127.8	273.2	18.9	7.7	26.6	299.8	306.7	606.5	8.9	49.4
Western Australia	203.9	184.1	388.0	16.5	8.6	25.1	413.0	305.2	718.3	6.1	57.5
Tasmania	41.3	44.7	86.0	4.6	2.5	7.2	93.2	94.2	187.4	7.7	49.7
Northern Territory	29.1	10.7	39.7	* 0.9	* 0.1	* 1.0	40.7	24.5	65.3	* 2.5	62.4
Australian Capital Territory	47.0	28.9	75.9	3.1	1.1	4.3	80.2	39.4	119.6	5.3	67.0
Australia	2 157.1	1 606.3	3 763.3	199.3	95.9	295.1	4 058.5	3 440.4	7 498.9	7.3	54.1
PERSONS											
New South Wales	2 226.8	667.9	2 894.6	175.5	41.4	216.9	3 111.6	1 886.2	4 997.7	7.0	62.3
Victoria	1 591.3	561.6	2 152.9	143.1	42.5	185.5	2 338.4	1 348.2	3 686.7	7.9	63.4
Queensland	1 191.5	424.3	1 615.8	122.3	28.9	151.2	1 767.0	963.0	2 729.9	8.6	64.7
South Australia	467.5	172.5	640.0	56.9	12.3	69.2	709.2	483.2	1 192.4	9.8	59.5
Western Australia	650.2	239.2	889.4	51.8	13.8	65.6	955.0	475.6	1 430.6	6.9	66.8
Tasmania	135.0	59.0	194.0	18.9	4.1	23.1	217.0	151.6	368.6	10.6	58.9
Northern Territory	72.8	16.5	89.3	3.7	* 0.8	4.5	93.8	39.2	133.0	4.8	70.5
Australian Capital Territory	120.1	40.6	160.8	9.2	2.6	11.8	172.6	62.7	235.3	6.9	73.3
Australia	6 455.2	2 181.6	8 636.8	581.4	146.4	727.8	9 364.6	5 409.6	14 774.2	7.8	63.4

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15–19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15–19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15–19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
NEW SOUTH WALES												
1997												
May	28.2	166.7	194.9	50.4	245.3	27.8	7.5	8.4	6.9	8.0	6.6	3.7
June	28.7	152.2	181.0	40.5	221.4	31.0	6.9	7.9	5.7	7.3	6.8	3.4
July	24.1	167.9	192.1	46.0	238.1	24.3	7.5	8.2	6.5	7.8	5.7	3.7
August	23.0	162.6	185.6	42.4	228.0	24.8	7.4	8.1	6.1	7.7	5.4	3.6
September	20.1	169.4	189.5	54.2	243.7	21.6	7.5	8.1	7.3	7.9	4.7	3.7
October	24.7	164.6	189.3	46.9	236.2	24.9	7.4	8.1	6.8	7.8	5.8	3.6
November	22.0	159.0	181.1	44.8	225.9	23.2	7.1	7.7	6.1	7.4	5.2	3.5
December	27.5	155.6	183.1	47.6	230.8	25.6	6.9	7.7	6.5	7.4	6.4	3.4
1998												
January	35.2	163.3	198.5	45.8	244.3	29.0	7.3	8.4	6.7	8.0	8.2	3.6
February	28.3	173.1	201.4	61.1	262.4	26.2	7.8	8.6	8.6	8.6	6.6	3.8
March	27.9	169.2	197.1	48.7	245.8	25.6	7.6	8.4	6.7	8.0	6.5	3.7
April	23.1	144.7	167.9	51.2	219.1	22.6	6.5	7.2	6.9	7.1	5.4	3.2
May	31.0	153.3	184.2	43.0	227.2	29.2	6.9	7.9	5.8	7.4	7.2	3.4
June	26.4	148.5	174.9	48.1	223.0	27.3	6.6	7.5	6.5	7.2	6.1	3.3
July	25.3	150.3	175.5	41.4	216.9	26.2	6.5	7.3	5.8	7.0	5.9	3.3
VICTORIA												
1997												
May	17.3	146.5	163.8	44.7	208.4	31.1	8.9	9.6	7.6	9.1	5.5	4.4
June	15.3	149.4	164.6	42.9	207.5	27.1	9.0	9.6	7.1	9.0	4.8	4.5
July	15.1	139.5	154.6	39.7	194.3	24.0	8.4	9.0	6.8	8.5	4.8	4.2
August	16.3	141.6	157.9	44.2	202.1	29.8	8.7	9.4	7.6	8.9	5.2	4.3
September	14.7	145.2	159.9	51.7	211.6	24.5	8.8	9.3	8.4	9.1	4.6	4.4
October	16.7	124.7	141.4	42.5	183.9	26.1	7.6	8.3	7.1	8.0	5.3	3.7
November	18.0	124.7	142.7	41.8	184.5	33.2	7.6	8.4	6.9	8.0	5.7	3.7
December	26.4	115.9	142.3	49.3	191.7	34.8	7.0	8.2	8.1	8.2	8.3	3.5
1998												
January	26.2	136.6	162.8	48.9	211.8	35.9	8.2	9.4	8.7	9.2	8.3	4.1
February	23.1	135.9	159.0	48.5	207.5	32.1	8.1	9.1	8.5	8.9	7.3	4.1
March	25.1	133.4	158.5	51.9	210.4	37.3	8.0	9.1	8.5	9.0	7.9	4.0
April	19.8	127.8	147.6	47.3	194.9	31.5	7.6	8.5	7.8	8.3	6.2	3.8
May	18.1	130.8	149.0	40.3	189.3	31.2	7.8	8.6	6.6	8.1	5.7	3.9
June	17.3	127.9	145.2	43.2	188.3	31.9	7.7	8.5	6.9	8.0	5.4	3.8
July	17.5	125.5	143.1	42.5	185.5	29.5	7.5	8.2	7.0	7.9	5.5	3.7
QUEENSLAND												
1997												
May	16.7	115.3	132.0	34.9	166.9	29.6	9.5	10.4	8.0	9.8	6.7	4.8
June	15.8	102.5	118.3	31.2	149.5	28.1	8.5	9.4	6.7	8.7	6.4	4.2
July	18.7	104.8	123.5	26.5	150.0	28.6	8.5	9.5	6.1	8.7	7.6	4.3
August	16.9	114.6	131.5	29.3	160.8	29.9	9.3	10.2	6.8	9.4	6.8	4.7
September	18.2	102.3	120.5	37.0	157.4	29.6	8.4	9.4	8.0	9.0	7.3	4.2
October	16.1	99.6	115.7	34.9	150.6	27.0	8.1	9.0	7.5	8.6	6.5	4.1
November	18.3	103.9	122.2	33.6	155.9	31.8	8.4	9.5	7.4	8.9	7.3	4.2
December	23.1	102.0	125.0	31.3	156.3	32.4	8.1	9.4	7.1	8.9	9.2	4.2
1998												
January	22.6	111.8	134.4	30.8	165.2	30.5	9.0	10.2	7.3	9.5	9.0	4.6
February	18.0	122.9	140.9	35.5	176.5	26.7	9.8	10.6	7.8	9.9	7.1	5.0
March	17.9	105.1	123.0	34.5	157.5	28.0	8.5	9.5	7.4	9.0	7.1	4.3
April	18.4	100.0	118.4	35.1	153.5	28.2	8.1	9.1	7.6	8.7	7.3	4.1
May	15.6	101.5	117.1	30.2	147.3	25.3	8.3	9.1	6.4	8.4	6.2	4.1
June	16.6	103.2	119.8	32.4	152.2	26.3	8.3	9.2	6.8	8.6	6.5	4.2
July	16.6	105.7	122.3	28.9	151.2	25.0	8.5	9.3	6.4	8.6	6.5	4.3

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	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
1997												
May	8.4	49.0	57.4	12.4	69.8	37.1	9.8	10.9	6.1	9.6	8.6	4.5
June	7.6	47.6	55.2	13.0	68.2	36.2	9.3	10.4	6.4	9.3	7.7	4.4
July	7.7	48.0	55.7	12.3	68.0	34.9	9.4	10.5	6.2	9.3	7.8	4.4
August	6.5	48.7	55.2	12.4	67.6	28.7	9.8	10.6	6.1	9.3	6.6	4.5
September	7.2	51.2	58.4	13.8	72.2	31.9	10.1	11.1	6.6	9.8	7.3	4.7
October	7.4	49.8	57.1	12.7	69.8	32.3	9.9	10.9	6.2	9.5	7.5	4.6
November	6.5	50.8	57.4	11.9	69.3	28.8	10.0	10.8	5.8	9.5	6.6	4.7
December	8.9	49.7	58.5	12.5	71.0	35.0	9.6	10.8	6.4	9.7	9.0	4.6
1998												
January	9.2	55.0	64.2	14.7	78.9	32.5	10.8	12.0	7.9	10.9	9.3	5.0
February	8.5	52.9	61.4	15.5	76.9	34.4	10.5	11.6	7.9	10.6	8.6	4.9
March	8.8	50.5	59.3	14.4	73.6	37.6	10.1	11.3	7.4	10.2	8.9	4.6
April	8.7	47.1	55.8	11.8	67.6	38.0	9.5	10.8	6.0	9.4	8.7	4.3
May	9.1	50.3	59.5	12.9	72.4	38.2	10.2	11.5	6.7	10.2	9.2	4.6
June	6.5	50.5	56.9	11.2	68.1	29.7	10.2	11.0	5.8	9.6	6.5	4.6
July	7.9	49.0	56.9	12.3	69.2	35.5	9.8	10.9	6.6	9.8	8.0	4.5
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
1997												
May	6.7	39.8	46.5	16.7	63.2	17.3	6.2	6.9	7.1	6.9	5.2	3.1
June	6.9	42.4	49.3	14.9	64.2	17.7	6.7	7.3	6.1	7.0	5.3	3.3
July	4.9	43.4	48.3	13.3	61.6	12.9	6.7	7.0	5.8	6.7	3.7	3.4
August	6.4	43.1	49.5	14.8	64.3	16.9	6.7	7.3	6.1	7.0	4.9	3.4
September	8.6	42.9	51.5	13.7	65.2	21.5	6.5	7.4	5.7	6.9	6.6	3.4
October	5.9	36.9	42.8	12.6	55.4	15.3	5.8	6.3	5.2	6.0	4.5	2.9
November	8.4	39.2	47.6	13.7	61.4	21.5	6.1	6.9	5.7	6.6	6.4	3.1
December	10.9	43.3	54.1	14.1	68.2	26.0	6.5	7.7	5.8	7.2	8.2	3.4
1998												
January	11.7	47.9	59.5	13.4	73.0	26.2	7.2	8.4	5.9	7.8	8.8	3.7
February	11.9	47.5	59.5	14.5	74.0	27.9	7.3	8.5	5.9	7.9	9.0	3.7
March	10.1	45.0	55.2	15.4	70.6	25.2	6.9	7.9	6.3	7.5	7.7	3.5
April	5.9	43.4	49.4	14.2	63.5	17.9	6.6	7.2	5.6	6.7	4.5	3.4
May	7.8	43.4	51.2	13.9	65.1	22.6	6.6	7.4	5.5	6.9	5.9	3.4
June	8.2	46.4	54.6	13.1	67.7	22.7	7.0	7.8	5.2	7.1	6.2	3.6
July	7.7	44.0	51.8	13.8	65.6	22.2	6.6	7.4	5.5	6.9	5.8	3.4
TASMANIA												
1997												
May	3.1	14.2	17.3	4.2	21.5	34.3	9.6	11.0	6.9	9.9	9.1	4.2
June	3.3	15.8	19.1	3.6	22.8	37.7	10.9	12.4	6.3	10.7	9.7	4.7
July	3.4	15.4	18.9	4.5	23.4	38.6	10.7	12.3	7.3	10.9	9.9	4.6
August	4.0	15.6	19.6	4.0	23.6	43.3	10.8	12.8	6.5	11.0	11.7	4.6
September	4.0	16.4	20.4	4.2	24.6	42.5	11.1	13.0	7.0	11.4	11.7	4.9
October	3.3	17.1	20.4	4.3	24.7	36.0	11.4	12.8	7.4	11.4	9.5	5.1
November	2.9	16.3	19.2	4.6	23.8	32.1	11.0	12.2	7.6	10.9	8.3	4.9
December	3.0	18.7	21.7	6.1	27.9	30.5	12.3	13.4	10.0	12.5	8.8	5.6
1998												
January	3.7	16.5	20.2	4.9	25.1	34.7	11.0	12.6	8.5	11.5	10.7	4.9
February	3.5	17.2	20.7	3.9	24.6	35.1	11.3	12.7	6.7	11.1	10.0	5.1
March	3.9	16.1	20.1	4.3	24.4	40.3	10.7	12.5	7.0	11.0	11.4	4.8
April	2.3	15.4	17.7	4.5	22.2	25.8	10.3	11.1	7.1	10.0	6.6	4.6
May	2.7	15.4	18.1	3.5	21.6	28.1	10.6	11.7	5.2	9.7	7.8	4.6
June	2.4	16.6	19.0	3.6	22.7	27.1	11.5	12.4	5.8	10.4	7.0	5.0
July	2.8	16.1	18.9	4.1	23.1	29.3	11.2	12.3	6.5	10.6	8.2	4.8

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
1997												
May	* 0.8	3.6	4.4	* 0.7	5.1	* 25.9	5.4	6.4	* 3.3	5.6	* 6.4	3.1
June	* 0.6	3.6	4.2	* 0.6	4.8	* 23.4	5.4	6.0	* 2.8	5.3	* 4.5	3.1
July	* 0.6	3.0	3.6	* 0.9	4.4	* 18.6	4.5	5.1	* 3.9	4.8	* 4.7	2.5
August	* 0.4	3.3	3.7	* 1.0	4.8	* 16.2	5.4	5.8	* 4.3	5.4	* 3.3	2.9
September	* 0.4	3.4	3.8	* 0.9	4.7	* 14.3	4.9	5.3	* 5.0	5.3	* 3.4	2.9
October	* 0.4	1.5	1.8	* 0.9	2.7	* 11.9	2.1	2.5	* 4.7	3.0	* 2.9	1.3
November	* 0.1	3.2	3.2	* 0.3	3.5	* 2.9	4.4	4.3	* 1.6	3.8	* 0.6	2.7
December	* 0.3	2.8	3.1	* 1.1	4.3	* 8.9	3.9	4.2	* 6.3	4.6	* 2.6	2.4
1998												
January	* 0.6	2.6	3.2	1.3	4.5	* 12.3	3.9	4.5	7.2	5.0	* 4.2	2.2
February	* 0.6	3.5	4.1	1.8	5.9	* 17.2	5.1	5.7	10.8	6.6	* 4.3	3.0
March	* 0.6	3.9	4.5	1.5	6.0	* 16.6	5.5	6.0	8.8	6.6	* 4.3	3.3
April	* 0.2	2.7	3.0	1.5	4.5	* 7.7	3.9	4.0	8.9	4.9	* 1.7	2.3
May	* 0.4	2.7	3.1	* 1.2	4.3	* 13.4	3.8	4.2	* 6.5	4.7	* 3.3	2.2
June	* 0.5	2.7	3.2	* 0.5	3.6	* 15.4	3.8	4.4	* 2.6	4.0	* 3.6	2.2
July	* 0.3	3.4	3.7	* 0.8	4.5	* 7.8	4.7	4.8	* 4.8	4.8	* 2.1	2.9
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
1997												
May	* 0.9	6.6	7.5	4.2	11.7	* 26.3	5.3	5.8	9.5	6.8	* 3.8	3.1
June	1.3	7.0	8.3	4.0	12.3	42.5	5.6	6.5	9.4	7.2	5.9	3.3
July	* 0.8	7.3	8.1	3.0	11.1	* 25.1	5.8	6.3	7.3	6.6	* 3.7	3.4
August	1.3	8.0	9.3	4.1	13.4	43.0	6.5	7.3	9.7	7.9	5.9	3.8
September	1.2	7.7	8.8	4.7	13.6	36.7	6.0	6.8	11.3	7.9	5.2	3.6
October	1.2	8.5	9.7	3.4	13.1	32.2	6.8	7.5	8.4	7.7	5.3	4.0
November	1.5	7.5	9.1	3.5	12.5	37.4	6.0	7.0	8.9	7.4	7.0	3.5
December	1.9	8.1	10.0	3.5	13.5	43.3	6.5	7.7	8.8	8.0	8.5	3.8
1998												
January	2.4	8.7	11.1	3.1	14.2	51.7	7.1	8.7	8.3	8.6	10.7	4.1
February	1.7	9.0	10.8	3.9	14.7	33.0	7.2	8.2	9.6	8.5	7.8	4.2
March	1.1	7.9	9.0	4.6	13.6	34.9	6.3	7.0	10.8	7.9	4.9	3.7
April	1.2	7.2	8.4	3.0	11.5	41.7	5.9	6.7	7.1	6.8	5.3	3.4
May	1.2	6.5	7.7	3.7	11.3	38.7	5.2	6.0	8.7	6.7	5.2	3.0
June	1.3	6.2	7.4	2.6	10.0	40.4	5.0	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.7	2.9
July	1.1	8.1	9.2	2.6	11.8	32.3	6.4	7.1	6.1	6.9	4.9	3.8

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

Month	Unemp- loyment rate					Unemp- loyment rate					Civilian population aged 15 and over
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	%	%	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	%	%	
MALES											
1997											
May	1 414.0	1 599.1	145.7	8.4	72.2	1 419.6	1 600.3	143.3	8.2	72.1	2 418.1
June	1 422.5	1 602.1	132.3	7.6	71.6	1 417.1	1 597.3	143.5	8.2	71.9	2 420.7
July	1 414.8	1 598.2	154.9	8.8	72.3	1 416.7	1 595.2	144.2	8.3	71.8	2 423.6
August	1 406.2	1 577.9	141.7	8.2	70.9	1 419.0	1 595.5	144.5	8.3	71.7	2 426.5
September	1 428.1	1 603.8	143.2	8.2	71.9	1 423.4	1 598.6	143.9	8.3	71.7	2 429.3
October	1 430.7	1 598.9	145.0	8.3	71.7	1 428.3	1 603.8	142.4	8.2	71.8	2 432.3
November	1 437.7	1 614.8	143.6	8.2	72.2	1 432.1	1 609.3	140.1	8.0	71.8	2 435.2
December	1 435.0	1 618.6	132.8	7.6	71.8	1 434.4	1 613.3	137.5	7.9	71.8	2 438.1
1998											
January	1 438.5	1 627.1	129.8	7.4	72.0	1 435.2	1 615.1	135.2	7.7	71.7	2 440.3
February	1 425.9	1 597.8	141.0	8.1	71.2	1 435.5	1 615.4	133.9	7.7	71.6	2 442.4
March	1 436.0	1 616.6	135.0	7.7	71.7	1 437.1	1 616.0	133.3	7.6	71.6	2 444.6
April	1 444.6	1 621.4	125.7	7.2	71.4	1 440.2	1 618.2	133.6	7.6	71.6	2 447.3
May	1 440.5	1 616.7	135.3	7.7	71.5	1 444.1	1 621.7	134.3	7.6	71.7	2 450.1
June	1 449.2	1 627.0	138.0	7.8	72.0	1 448.0	1 625.8	135.1	7.7	71.8	2 452.9
July	1 456.1	1 637.4	136.6	7.7	72.2	1 451.6	1 629.8	135.8	7.7	71.9	2 455.5
FEMALES											
1997											
May	725.7	1 204.3	104.9	8.0	52.2	723.2	1 204.1	102.6	7.9	52.1	2 508.0
June	712.1	1 188.4	100.3	7.8	51.3	721.5	1 201.2	101.7	7.8	51.9	2 510.7
July	725.6	1 207.5	100.5	7.7	52.0	720.1	1 199.7	100.8	7.7	51.7	2 513.6
August	717.5	1 196.5	100.5	7.8	51.5	719.4	1 200.2	99.6	7.7	51.7	2 516.5
September	719.8	1 211.4	97.1	7.4	51.9	719.0	1 202.6	98.5	7.6	51.6	2 519.4
October	716.5	1 188.8	99.1	7.7	51.1	718.7	1 205.8	97.4	7.5	51.7	2 522.1
November	722.4	1 217.1	95.1	7.2	52.0	718.2	1 209.0	96.5	7.4	51.7	2 524.7
December	715.8	1 218.0	95.2	7.2	52.0	717.1	1 211.3	95.8	7.3	51.7	2 527.4
1998											
January	720.2	1 216.2	97.3	7.4	51.9	715.3	1 213.0	95.3	7.3	51.7	2 529.3
February	708.5	1 207.6	93.5	7.2	51.4	714.6	1 215.1	95.2	7.3	51.8	2 531.1
March	717.7	1 213.7	95.7	7.3	51.7	716.1	1 218.1	95.3	7.3	51.9	2 533.0
April	720.1	1 229.0	94.8	7.2	52.2	720.3	1 222.4	95.5	7.2	52.0	2 535.3
May	713.2	1 218.8	96.6	7.3	51.8	726.4	1 228.1	95.8	7.2	52.2	2 537.7
June	735.6	1 237.6	96.3	7.2	52.5	733.6	1 234.3	96.1	7.2	52.4	2 540.0
July	758.7	1 249.2	96.3	7.2	52.9	740.8	1 240.3	96.2	7.2	52.6	2 542.3
PERSONS											
1997											
May	2 139.6	2 803.3	250.6	8.2	62.0	2 142.8	2 804.4	245.9	8.1	61.9	4 926.1
June	2 134.6	2 790.4	232.6	7.7	61.3	2 138.6	2 798.5	245.3	8.1	61.7	4 931.4
July	2 140.4	2 805.7	255.4	8.3	62.0	2 136.9	2 794.9	244.9	8.1	61.6	4 937.2
August	2 123.7	2 774.4	242.2	8.0	61.0	2 138.4	2 795.7	244.1	8.0	61.5	4 942.9
September	2 147.9	2 815.2	240.2	7.9	61.7	2 142.4	2 801.2	242.4	8.0	61.5	4 948.7
October	2 147.2	2 787.7	244.1	8.1	61.2	2 147.1	2 809.6	239.7	7.9	61.5	4 954.3
November	2 160.1	2 831.9	238.7	7.8	61.9	2 150.4	2 818.3	236.6	7.7	61.6	4 959.9
December	2 150.7	2 836.6	228.0	7.4	61.7	2 151.4	2 824.7	233.3	7.6	61.6	4 965.6
1998											
January	2 158.7	2 843.3	227.1	7.4	61.8	2 150.4	2 828.2	230.5	7.5	61.5	4 969.5
February	2 134.4	2 805.4	234.5	7.7	61.1	2 150.1	2 830.5	229.1	7.5	61.5	4 973.5
March	2 153.7	2 830.3	230.7	7.5	61.5	2 153.2	2 834.1	228.6	7.5	61.5	4 977.5
April	2 164.8	2 850.4	220.5	7.2	61.6	2 160.5	2 840.6	229.2	7.5	61.6	4 982.7
May	2 153.7	2 835.4	231.9	7.6	61.5	2 170.5	2 849.8	230.1	7.5	61.7	4 987.8
June	2 184.8	2 864.6	234.3	7.6	62.1	2 181.7	2 860.1	231.1	7.5	61.9	4 992.9
July	2 214.8	2 886.7	232.9	7.5	62.4	2 192.4	2 870.1	232.1	7.5	62.1	4 997.7

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TREND.....

Month	Unemp- loyment rate					Unemp- loyment rate					Civilian population aged 15 and over
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	%	%	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	%	%	
MALES											
1997											
May	1 041.6	1 182.8	117.2	9.0	73.2	1 039.8	1 183.3	120.8	9.3	73.4	1 776.7
June	1 035.4	1 182.7	123.5	9.5	73.4	1 037.7	1 182.8	120.4	9.2	73.3	1 778.6
July	1 039.7	1 185.2	118.6	9.1	73.2	1 036.5	1 183.3	118.9	9.1	73.1	1 780.6
August	1 034.0	1 177.7	117.8	9.1	72.7	1 036.8	1 185.1	116.7	9.0	73.0	1 782.5
September	1 034.8	1 188.2	118.9	9.1	73.3	1 038.6	1 187.7	114.3	8.8	73.0	1 784.5
October	1 043.5	1 195.6	105.0	8.1	72.8	1 042.0	1 190.9	111.9	8.6	72.9	1 786.5
November	1 048.5	1 194.4	109.0	8.4	72.9	1 046.7	1 194.0	110.3	8.5	72.9	1 788.4
December	1 049.6	1 200.6	110.5	8.4	73.2	1 051.7	1 197.2	109.7	8.4	73.0	1 790.4
1998											
January	1 056.5	1 193.3	114.0	8.7	72.9	1 056.0	1 200.5	110.2	8.4	73.1	1 792.2
February	1 061.3	1 203.5	105.5	8.1	73.0	1 058.7	1 204.0	110.9	8.4	73.3	1 794.0
March	1 061.3	1 208.2	114.5	8.7	73.7	1 059.5	1 207.4	111.4	8.4	73.4	1 795.8
April	1 059.2	1 213.2	112.8	8.5	73.7	1 059.2	1 210.7	111.1	8.4	73.5	1 798.0
May	1 060.5	1 217.0	111.2	8.4	73.8	1 058.2	1 213.2	110.6	8.4	73.5	1 800.1
June	1 051.3	1 213.4	107.7	8.2	73.3	1 057.0	1 215.0	109.9	8.3	73.5	1 802.2
July	1 055.8	1 212.7	108.7	8.2	73.2	1 055.4	1 216.3	109.2	8.2	73.5	1 804.1
FEMALES											
1997											
May	506.8	904.9	94.3	9.4	53.9	509.4	908.8	91.8	9.2	53.9	1 855.1
June	515.3	914.9	92.4	9.2	54.2	509.3	907.7	92.3	9.2	53.8	1 857.1
July	510.0	908.5	88.9	8.9	53.7	509.3	907.6	91.7	9.2	53.8	1 859.0
August	504.4	896.3	93.4	9.4	53.2	509.4	909.0	90.3	9.0	53.7	1 861.0
September	512.4	917.9	87.2	8.7	54.0	509.8	911.6	88.4	8.8	53.7	1 862.9
October	512.1	913.2	87.9	8.8	53.7	510.9	914.9	86.2	8.6	53.7	1 864.8
November	508.3	921.0	84.4	8.4	53.9	513.2	918.6	84.4	8.4	53.7	1 866.8
December	519.6	924.9	79.1	7.9	53.7	516.8	922.1	83.2	8.3	53.8	1 868.7
1998											
January	517.6	923.5	85.3	8.5	53.9	521.1	925.1	82.5	8.2	53.9	1 870.5
February	527.7	925.7	79.3	7.9	53.7	524.9	927.4	82.7	8.2	54.0	1 872.2
March	525.5	926.4	87.7	8.6	54.1	527.4	929.4	83.4	8.2	54.0	1 873.9
April	537.7	936.9	84.4	8.3	54.4	528.5	931.2	84.5	8.3	54.1	1 876.2
May	525.8	932.2	81.2	8.0	53.9	528.3	932.5	85.6	8.4	54.2	1 878.4
June	526.2	934.6	88.4	8.6	54.4	527.3	933.5	86.7	8.5	54.2	1 880.7
July	521.5	930.7	89.8	8.8	54.2	526.2	934.1	87.6	8.6	54.3	1 882.6
PERSONS											
1997											
May	1 548.4	2 087.7	211.6	9.2	63.3	1 549.2	2 092.1	212.7	9.2	63.5	3 631.8
June	1 550.7	2 097.6	215.9	9.3	63.6	1 547.0	2 090.4	212.7	9.2	63.3	3 635.7
July	1 549.7	2 093.7	207.5	9.0	63.2	1 545.8	2 090.9	210.6	9.1	63.2	3 639.6
August	1 538.4	2 074.1	211.2	9.2	62.7	1 546.2	2 094.2	207.0	9.0	63.2	3 643.5
September	1 547.1	2 106.2	206.2	8.9	63.4	1 548.4	2 099.3	202.6	8.8	63.1	3 647.4
October	1 555.5	2 108.7	192.8	8.4	63.0	1 552.9	2 105.7	198.2	8.6	63.1	3 651.3
November	1 556.8	2 115.4	193.4	8.4	63.2	1 559.9	2 112.6	194.7	8.4	63.1	3 655.2
December	1 569.2	2 125.5	189.6	8.2	63.3	1 568.5	2 119.2	192.9	8.3	63.2	3 659.2
1998											
January	1 574.1	2 116.8	199.3	8.6	63.2	1 577.2	2 125.7	192.7	8.3	63.3	3 662.7
February	1 589.0	2 129.2	184.8	8.0	63.1	1 583.6	2 131.4	193.6	8.3	63.4	3 666.2
March	1 586.8	2 134.6	202.2	8.7	63.7	1 587.0	2 136.8	194.8	8.4	63.5	3 669.7
April	1 596.9	2 150.1	197.2	8.4	63.9	1 587.6	2 141.8	195.6	8.4	63.6	3 674.1
May	1 586.3	2 149.2	192.4	8.2	63.7	1 586.5	2 145.8	196.2	8.4	63.7	3 678.5
June	1 577.5	2 148.0	196.1	8.4	63.6	1 584.3	2 148.4	196.6	8.4	63.7	3 682.9
July	1 577.2	2 143.4	198.5	8.5	63.5	1 581.6	2 150.4	196.8	8.4	63.7	3 686.7

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TREND.....

Month	Unemployment rate					Unemployment rate					Civilian population aged 15 and over
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	%	Participation rate	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	%	Participation rate	
MALES											
1997											
May	771.9	879.3	96.7	9.9	73.8	771.1	878.5	96.4	9.9	73.8	1 321.9
June	769.7	883.9	89.4	9.2	73.5	773.7	881.8	95.1	9.7	73.8	1 324.1
July	787.6	887.9	95.7	9.7	74.2	776.2	885.2	94.5	9.6	73.9	1 326.2
August	775.7	887.3	96.3	9.8	74.1	778.1	888.3	94.3	9.6	74.0	1 328.2
September	776.4	886.6	94.6	9.6	73.8	779.6	891.4	94.5	9.6	74.1	1 330.3
October	782.9	900.4	92.8	9.3	74.5	781.1	894.9	94.6	9.6	74.2	1 332.8
November	780.9	895.4	95.2	9.6	74.2	783.6	898.8	94.1	9.5	74.4	1 335.4
December	783.2	899.8	94.6	9.5	74.3	787.0	902.8	92.9	9.3	74.4	1 338.0
1998											
January	795.7	910.8	89.2	8.9	74.6	790.5	906.2	91.1	9.1	74.4	1 340.1
February	792.4	909.1	93.2	9.3	74.7	793.1	908.4	89.5	9.0	74.3	1 342.3
March	797.5	911.3	85.9	8.6	74.2	794.2	909.1	88.6	8.9	74.2	1 344.4
April	797.9	906.7	85.8	8.6	73.7	794.4	908.9	88.5	8.9	74.1	1 346.6
May	787.4	908.0	88.3	8.9	73.9	794.2	908.3	89.4	9.0	74.0	1 348.8
June	792.8	908.7	90.1	9.0	73.9	794.0	907.4	90.9	9.1	73.9	1 351.1
July	796.5	904.3	98.9	9.9	74.1	793.5	906.2	92.7	9.3	73.8	1 353.0
FEMALES											
1997											
May	375.5	670.6	70.4	9.5	55.0	375.0	674.3	67.0	9.0	55.1	1 346.4
June	366.2	678.6	65.2	8.8	55.1	375.3	676.7	66.9	9.0	55.1	1 348.6
July	380.6	681.7	64.5	8.6	55.2	376.5	679.5	67.3	9.0	55.3	1 350.8
August	383.1	679.5	69.7	9.3	55.4	378.6	682.3	67.7	9.0	55.4	1 352.9
September	379.0	683.8	68.4	9.1	55.5	381.6	685.0	67.8	9.0	55.6	1 355.1
October	381.0	691.7	68.4	9.0	56.0	384.4	687.2	67.6	9.0	55.6	1 357.6
November	386.2	690.3	67.5	8.9	55.7	386.8	689.1	67.0	8.9	55.6	1 360.1
December	397.7	688.0	64.4	8.6	55.2	388.8	691.3	66.0	8.7	55.6	1 362.7
1998											
January	384.9	690.5	64.9	8.6	55.4	390.2	694.0	64.6	8.5	55.6	1 364.7
February	392.4	702.0	65.2	8.5	56.1	391.1	697.0	63.6	8.4	55.6	1 366.7
March	385.4	695.5	60.4	8.0	55.2	391.1	700.1	63.0	8.3	55.8	1 368.7
April	398.8	705.8	64.1	8.3	56.2	390.8	702.9	62.8	8.2	55.9	1 370.8
May	390.2	708.1	59.3	7.7	55.9	390.4	705.0	62.9	8.2	55.9	1 373.0
June	385.7	706.4	67.2	8.7	56.3	389.9	706.5	63.1	8.2	56.0	1 375.1
July	390.5	703.6	62.9	8.2	55.7	390.0	707.1	63.4	8.2	56.0	1 377.0
PERSONS											
1997											
May	1 147.4	1 549.9	167.1	9.7	64.4	1 146.1	1 552.8	163.4	9.5	64.3	2 668.3
June	1 135.9	1 562.4	154.6	9.0	64.2	1 149.0	1 558.5	162.0	9.4	64.4	2 672.8
July	1 168.2	1 569.6	160.2	9.3	64.6	1 152.7	1 564.7	161.7	9.4	64.5	2 676.9
August	1 158.8	1 566.8	166.0	9.6	64.6	1 156.7	1 570.6	162.0	9.4	64.6	2 681.1
September	1 155.3	1 570.4	163.0	9.4	64.6	1 161.1	1 576.4	162.3	9.3	64.7	2 685.3
October	1 163.9	1 592.1	161.2	9.2	65.2	1 165.5	1 582.0	162.2	9.3	64.8	2 690.4
November	1 167.1	1 585.6	162.8	9.3	64.9	1 170.5	1 588.0	161.1	9.2	64.9	2 695.5
December	1 180.9	1 587.8	159.0	9.1	64.7	1 175.8	1 594.1	158.8	9.1	64.9	2 700.6
1998											
January	1 180.6	1 601.3	154.2	8.8	64.9	1 180.6	1 600.2	155.7	8.9	64.9	2 704.8
February	1 184.8	1 611.1	158.3	8.9	65.3	1 184.1	1 605.4	153.1	8.7	64.9	2 709.0
March	1 182.9	1 606.9	146.4	8.3	64.6	1 185.3	1 609.1	151.6	8.6	64.9	2 713.1
April	1 196.7	1 612.5	149.9	8.5	64.9	1 185.2	1 611.8	151.4	8.6	64.9	2 717.5
May	1 177.6	1 616.1	147.6	8.4	64.8	1 184.7	1 613.3	152.3	8.6	64.9	2 721.8
June	1 178.5	1 615.0	157.3	8.9	65.0	1 184.0	1 613.9	154.0	8.7	64.8	2 726.2
July	1 186.9	1 607.9	161.8	9.1	64.8	1 183.5	1 613.4	156.1	8.8	64.8	2 729.9

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TREND.....

Month	Unemp- loyment rate						Unemp- loyment rate						Civilian population aged 15 and over
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	%	Partic- ipation rate	'000	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	%	Partic- ipation rate	'000	
MALES													
1997													
May	319.0	370.8	44.5	10.7	71.5		322.3	371.9	43.3	10.4	71.4		581.1
June	324.8	374.4	42.6	10.2	71.7		323.3	373.0	43.4	10.4	71.6		581.5
July	325.0	373.2	43.3	10.4	71.6		324.1	373.9	43.4	10.4	71.7		581.9
August	325.6	375.3	42.6	10.2	71.8		324.6	374.5	43.4	10.4	71.8		582.3
September	324.8	375.4	43.8	10.4	71.9		324.8	374.7	43.4	10.4	71.7		582.7
October	323.3	374.0	43.6	10.4	71.6		324.7	374.2	43.4	10.4	71.6		583.1
November	323.6	372.8	43.8	10.5	71.4		324.2	373.1	43.4	10.4	71.4		583.6
December	323.5	371.9	43.0	10.4	71.1		323.4	371.8	43.2	10.4	71.1		584.0
1998													
January	325.9	370.8	42.3	10.2	70.7		322.3	370.4	42.8	10.4	70.7		584.3
February	318.6	369.4	43.6	10.6	70.6		321.0	369.2	42.2	10.3	70.4		584.5
March	319.5	366.1	42.0	10.3	69.8		319.8	368.2	41.8	10.2	70.1		584.8
April	319.6	369.6	39.3	9.6	69.9		318.8	367.5	41.6	10.2	69.9		585.1
May	315.4	364.3	42.9	10.5	69.6		318.3	367.0	41.7	10.2	69.8		585.4
June	318.4	368.7	40.1	9.8	69.8		318.2	366.7	42.0	10.3	69.8		585.6
July	321.2	366.6	45.2	11.0	70.3		318.3	366.6	42.4	10.4	69.8		585.9
FEMALES													
1997													
May	149.1	288.4	26.6	8.5	52.3		150.3	290.3	27.5	8.7	52.8		601.8
June	152.8	289.4	28.2	8.9	52.7		149.4	289.1	27.6	8.7	52.6		602.2
July	148.9	287.8	28.5	9.0	52.5		148.3	288.4	27.7	8.8	52.5		602.6
August	145.4	287.1	27.4	8.7	52.2		147.1	288.3	27.8	8.8	52.4		602.9
September	144.8	288.1	28.0	8.9	52.4		146.2	288.3	27.8	8.8	52.4		603.3
October	145.2	289.5	27.3	8.6	52.5		145.8	288.1	27.9	8.8	52.3		603.7
November	146.5	288.8	28.2	8.9	52.5		146.1	287.2	28.0	8.9	52.2		604.1
December	148.2	285.3	27.6	8.8	51.8		146.9	285.8	28.3	9.0	52.0		604.5
1998													
January	147.1	283.2	30.1	9.6	51.8		147.6	283.9	28.7	9.2	51.7		604.8
February	146.2	281.3	28.1	9.1	51.1		147.7	281.5	29.1	9.4	51.3		605.1
March	150.1	278.3	30.3	9.8	51.0		147.2	279.0	29.4	9.5	51.0		605.3
April	147.9	279.1	28.2	9.2	50.7		146.3	276.6	29.6	9.7	50.6		605.6
May	142.6	273.8	31.0	10.2	50.3		145.3	274.4	29.7	9.8	50.2		605.9
June	142.8	269.4	30.6	10.2	49.5		144.5	272.4	29.7	9.8	49.8		606.2
July	145.0	271.6	27.9	9.3	49.4		143.8	270.7	29.5	9.8	49.5		606.5
PERSONS													
1997													
May	468.2	659.2	71.1	9.7	61.7		472.6	662.2	70.8	9.7	62.0		1 183.0
June	477.6	663.8	70.8	9.6	62.1		472.7	662.0	71.1	9.7	61.9		1 183.6
July	473.9	661.1	71.8	9.8	61.9		472.3	662.3	71.2	9.7	61.9		1 184.4
August	471.0	662.4	70.0	9.6	61.8		471.7	662.8	71.1	9.7	61.9		1 185.2
September	469.5	663.5	71.8	9.8	62.0		471.0	663.0	71.1	9.7	61.9		1 186.0
October	468.5	663.5	70.9	9.6	61.9		470.5	662.2	71.3	9.7	61.8		1 186.9
November	470.2	661.6	72.0	9.8	61.8		470.3	660.4	71.5	9.8	61.6		1 187.7
December	471.7	657.3	70.6	9.7	61.2		470.3	657.7	71.6	9.8	61.4		1 188.5
1998													
January	473.0	654.0	72.4	10.0	61.1		469.9	654.4	71.5	9.8	61.0		1 189.1
February	464.9	650.7	71.7	9.9	60.7		468.7	650.7	71.3	9.9	60.7		1 189.6
March	469.6	644.4	72.3	10.1	60.2		466.9	647.2	71.2	9.9	60.4		1 190.1
April	467.6	648.7	67.4	9.4	60.1		465.1	644.1	71.3	10.0	60.1		1 190.7
May	458.0	638.2	73.9	10.4	59.8		463.7	641.4	71.4	10.0	59.8		1 191.3
June	461.2	638.1	70.8	10.0	59.5		462.7	639.1	71.7	10.1	59.6		1 191.9
July	466.2	638.2	73.1	10.3	59.7		462.1	637.3	71.9	10.1	59.5		1 192.4

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TREND.....

Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....					TREND.....					Civilian population aged 15 and over
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	
'000	'000	'000	%	%		'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES											
1997											
May	436.2	492.1	37.6	7.1	76.1	436.4	492.4	37.8	7.1	76.2	695.9
June	437.5	495.3	38.2	7.2	76.5	437.5	493.2	38.2	7.2	76.2	697.1
July	438.4	491.7	39.4	7.4	76.0	438.6	494.4	38.4	7.2	76.3	698.4
August	440.5	497.4	38.9	7.3	76.6	439.9	496.1	38.4	7.2	76.4	699.8
September	442.2	497.1	39.9	7.4	76.6	441.3	497.8	38.1	7.1	76.4	701.1
October	439.9	498.7	33.6	6.3	75.8	442.5	499.5	37.8	7.0	76.5	702.4
November	443.7	501.7	38.2	7.1	76.7	443.5	500.7	37.4	7.0	76.5	703.8
December	445.5	502.7	38.7	7.1	76.8	444.0	501.5	37.1	6.9	76.4	705.1
1998											
January	447.0	503.0	37.2	6.9	76.5	444.2	501.9	36.8	6.8	76.3	706.1
February	441.0	500.2	36.3	6.8	75.9	443.9	502.0	36.9	6.8	76.2	707.1
March	443.0	499.9	37.9	7.0	75.9	443.5	501.8	37.4	6.9	76.2	708.1
April	443.1	502.2	36.0	6.7	75.9	443.0	501.5	38.3	7.1	76.1	709.1
May	443.4	504.3	37.7	7.0	76.3	442.7	501.0	39.6	7.3	76.1	710.1
June	442.6	500.7	45.0	8.2	76.7	442.5	500.4	41.1	7.6	76.2	711.1
July	442.0	496.5	43.3	8.0	75.8	442.3	499.8	42.6	7.8	76.1	712.3
FEMALES											
1997											
May	192.0	356.9	26.2	6.8	54.5	190.7	358.8	28.8	7.4	55.1	702.9
June	188.0	358.2	27.7	7.2	54.8	192.2	360.2	27.8	7.2	55.1	704.2
July	196.7	362.7	26.9	6.9	55.2	194.0	362.5	27.0	6.9	55.2	705.5
August	195.7	363.2	28.6	7.3	55.4	195.7	364.8	26.7	6.8	55.4	706.8
September	199.4	374.3	25.4	6.3	56.4	197.0	366.5	26.7	6.8	55.5	708.0
October	196.6	367.1	26.6	6.7	55.5	197.9	367.3	27.0	6.9	55.6	709.3
November	197.7	365.7	26.7	6.8	55.2	198.4	367.4	27.5	7.0	55.6	710.6
December	197.6	364.5	29.1	7.4	55.3	198.5	367.3	28.1	7.1	55.5	711.8
1998											
January	201.8	367.5	29.2	7.4	55.7	198.6	367.7	28.6	7.2	55.6	712.8
February	195.4	372.1	28.9	7.2	56.2	198.8	369.4	28.8	7.2	55.8	713.7
March	202.7	371.0	28.0	7.0	55.8	199.4	372.5	28.5	7.1	56.1	714.7
April	196.6	373.7	28.8	7.2	56.3	200.1	376.1	28.0	6.9	56.5	715.5
May	199.8	379.3	28.0	6.9	56.9	201.0	379.8	27.4	6.7	56.8	716.4
June	205.6	386.0	24.7	6.0	57.3	201.9	383.4	26.9	6.6	57.2	717.3
July	202.6	389.1	27.3	6.6	58.0	202.7	386.5	26.5	6.4	57.5	718.3
PERSONS											
1997											
May	628.2	849.0	63.8	7.0	65.3	627.1	851.2	66.6	7.3	65.6	1 398.8
June	625.5	853.5	65.9	7.2	65.6	629.7	853.3	66.0	7.2	65.6	1 401.4
July	635.1	854.4	66.3	7.2	65.6	632.6	856.9	65.5	7.1	65.7	1 403.9
August	636.3	860.6	67.5	7.3	66.0	635.7	860.9	65.0	7.0	65.8	1 406.5
September	641.6	871.4	65.3	7.0	66.5	638.3	864.4	64.8	7.0	65.9	1 409.1
October	636.5	865.8	60.2	6.5	65.6	640.4	866.8	64.8	7.0	66.0	1 411.7
November	641.4	867.4	64.9	7.0	65.9	641.9	868.1	65.0	7.0	66.0	1 414.3
December	643.1	867.2	67.8	7.2	66.0	642.5	868.8	65.2	7.0	65.9	1 416.9
1998											
January	648.8	870.5	66.4	7.1	66.0	642.7	869.7	65.4	7.0	65.9	1 418.9
February	636.4	872.3	65.2	7.0	66.0	642.8	871.4	65.7	7.0	66.0	1 420.8
March	645.7	870.8	65.9	7.0	65.8	642.9	874.3	65.9	7.0	66.1	1 422.8
April	639.8	875.9	64.8	6.9	66.0	643.1	877.6	66.3	7.0	66.3	1 424.7
May	643.2	883.7	65.8	6.9	66.6	643.7	880.9	67.1	7.1	66.4	1 426.5
June	648.2	886.7	69.6	7.3	66.9	644.4	883.9	68.0	7.1	66.6	1 428.4
July	644.6	885.5	70.6	7.4	66.8	645.0	886.3	69.0	7.2	66.8	1 430.6

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TREND.....

Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....					TREND.....					Civilian population aged 15 and over '000
	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %	
MALES											
1997											
May	97.8	112.2	13.5	10.7	69.2	97.3	111.7	14.2	11.3	69.3	181.7
June	96.8	110.9	13.8	11.1	68.6	97.2	111.7	14.2	11.3	69.2	181.7
July	96.3	110.9	15.2	12.1	69.4	97.2	111.8	14.2	11.3	69.3	181.7
August	97.4	112.5	14.5	11.4	69.8	97.4	111.9	14.5	11.5	69.5	181.8
September	97.8	112.7	13.5	10.7	69.4	97.5	112.0	14.8	11.7	69.7	181.8
October	99.3	112.4	15.6	12.2	70.4	97.5	111.9	15.2	12.0	69.9	181.8
November	96.6	111.9	15.6	12.3	70.2	97.2	111.7	15.5	12.2	70.0	181.8
December	96.2	109.9	16.9	13.3	69.7	96.9	111.6	15.7	12.3	70.0	181.8
1998											
January	96.6	112.2	15.2	11.9	70.1	96.6	111.7	15.7	12.3	70.1	181.7
February	95.4	112.0	14.7	11.6	69.8	96.5	112.0	15.5	12.1	70.2	181.6
March	96.4	111.2	16.1	12.6	70.1	96.4	112.1	15.2	11.9	70.1	181.5
April	98.2	113.5	14.8	11.6	70.7	96.2	111.9	15.1	11.9	70.0	181.4
May	96.0	112.8	14.4	11.3	70.2	95.8	111.5	15.1	11.9	69.8	181.3
June	94.3	110.3	14.7	11.7	69.0	95.2	110.8	15.1	12.0	69.5	181.3
July	93.7	107.8	16.4	13.2	68.5	94.6	110.0	15.3	12.2	69.1	181.2
FEMALES											
1997											
May	42.1	82.2	9.4	10.2	48.7	40.2	81.6	9.3	10.3	48.4	187.9
June	39.2	80.0	9.9	11.0	47.8	39.7	81.0	9.5	10.5	48.2	187.9
July	38.2	80.5	8.7	9.7	47.4	39.3	80.5	9.8	10.8	48.0	187.9
August	38.6	81.7	10.0	10.9	48.8	39.2	80.3	9.9	11.0	48.0	187.9
September	39.1	78.5	11.4	12.7	47.8	39.5	80.4	9.9	10.9	48.0	188.0
October	40.7	80.9	9.5	10.5	48.1	40.3	80.9	9.6	10.6	48.1	188.0
November	42.0	82.5	8.8	9.6	48.6	41.3	81.6	9.2	10.1	48.3	188.0
December	41.8	82.5	8.6	9.4	48.4	42.2	82.4	8.7	9.6	48.5	188.0
1998											
January	42.9	82.3	8.2	9.1	48.2	42.8	83.3	8.4	9.1	48.8	187.9
February	42.8	84.8	7.9	8.5	49.4	43.0	84.1	8.2	8.9	49.2	187.8
March	43.9	84.8	8.4	9.0	49.7	42.8	84.6	8.3	8.9	49.5	187.7
April	42.9	85.3	8.4	8.9	50.0	42.5	85.1	8.3	8.9	49.8	187.6
May	40.9	85.4	8.5	9.0	50.1	42.1	85.5	8.3	8.8	50.0	187.5
June	41.1	85.4	8.8	9.3	50.3	41.8	85.8	8.2	8.7	50.1	187.4
July	42.2	86.1	7.2	7.7	49.8	41.5	86.0	8.1	8.6	50.2	187.4
PERSONS											
1997											
May	139.9	194.4	22.8	10.5	58.8	137.5	193.3	23.5	10.9	58.7	369.5
June	136.0	190.9	23.7	11.0	58.1	136.9	192.6	23.7	11.0	58.5	369.6
July	134.6	191.3	23.9	11.1	58.2	136.5	192.2	24.0	11.1	58.5	369.7
August	136.0	194.2	24.5	11.2	59.1	136.6	192.2	24.4	11.3	58.6	369.7
September	136.9	191.2	24.9	11.5	58.4	137.1	192.4	24.7	11.4	58.7	369.8
October	140.1	193.3	25.1	11.5	59.1	137.8	192.8	24.8	11.4	58.8	369.8
November	138.6	194.4	24.4	11.2	59.2	138.5	193.3	24.7	11.3	59.0	369.8
December	138.0	192.3	25.5	11.7	58.9	139.1	194.0	24.4	11.2	59.1	369.8
1998											
January	139.6	194.5	23.4	10.8	59.0	139.4	195.0	24.1	11.0	59.3	369.6
February	138.3	196.9	22.6	10.3	59.4	139.4	196.0	23.7	10.8	59.5	369.4
March	140.2	196.0	24.5	11.1	59.7	139.2	196.7	23.5	10.7	59.6	369.2
April	141.1	198.8	23.2	10.5	60.2	138.6	197.0	23.4	10.6	59.7	369.0
May	136.8	198.2	22.9	10.4	60.0	137.9	197.0	23.3	10.6	59.7	368.8
June	135.3	195.7	23.5	10.7	59.5	137.0	196.6	23.3	10.6	59.7	368.6
July	135.8	193.8	23.6	10.8	59.0	136.1	196.0	23.4	10.7	59.5	368.6

(a) Trend estimates for January 1998 to June 1998 have been revised.

TREND.....

Month	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %	Civilian population aged 15 and over '000
MALES						
1997						
May	39.8	46.5	3.0	6.0	76.2	64.9
June	39.5	46.4	3.0	6.0	76.0	64.9
July	39.5	46.2	2.9	5.9	75.6	65.0
August	39.9	46.3	2.7	5.5	75.4	65.0
September	40.7	46.6	2.4	5.0	75.5	65.0
October	41.7	47.1	2.2	4.5	75.6	65.2
November	42.6	47.6	2.1	4.3	76.0	65.4
December	43.4	48.1	2.2	4.4	76.7	65.6
1998						
January	43.8	48.4	2.4	4.8	77.1	65.9
February	43.8	48.4	2.7	5.3	77.3	66.1
March	43.6	48.2	3.0	5.9	77.1	66.4
April	43.4	48.1	3.2	6.2	76.9	66.8
May	43.2	48.2	3.2	6.3	76.6	67.1
June	43.0	48.2	3.3	6.4	76.4	67.4
July	42.8	48.3	3.3	6.4	76.2	67.7
FEMALES						
1997						
May	24.0	38.5	2.4	5.9	64.2	63.7
June	24.2	38.7	2.3	5.6	64.2	63.8
July	24.8	38.8	2.1	5.0	63.9	63.9
August	25.5	38.9	1.8	4.5	63.6	64.0
September	26.4	39.0	1.7	4.1	63.6	64.1
October	27.1	39.2	1.7	4.1	63.7	64.2
November	27.5	39.4	1.7	4.2	63.8	64.4
December	27.4	39.3	1.9	4.5	63.9	64.5
1998						
January	27.0	39.2	2.0	4.8	63.7	64.6
February	26.6	39.0	2.0	4.8	63.3	64.7
March	26.5	38.9	1.9	4.6	62.8	64.8
April	26.8	38.9	1.7	4.2	62.6	64.9
May	27.2	39.1	1.5	3.7	62.4	65.1
June	27.6	39.3	1.4	3.3	62.3	65.2
July	27.9	39.4	1.2	3.1	62.2	65.3
PERSONS						
1997						
May	63.7	85.0	5.4	6.0	70.3	128.6
June	63.8	85.1	5.2	5.8	70.2	128.7
July	64.3	85.0	4.9	5.5	69.8	128.9
August	65.4	85.2	4.5	5.1	69.6	129.0
September	67.1	85.7	4.1	4.6	69.6	129.1
October	68.8	86.3	3.9	4.3	69.7	129.4
November	70.1	87.0	3.9	4.2	70.0	129.8
December	70.7	87.5	4.1	4.4	70.3	130.1
1998						
January	70.8	87.6	4.4	4.8	70.5	130.5
February	70.4	87.4	4.7	5.1	70.4	130.9
March	70.1	87.1	4.9	5.3	70.1	131.3
April	70.2	87.1	4.9	5.3	69.8	131.7
May	70.4	87.3	4.8	5.2	69.6	132.2
June	70.5	87.5	4.6	5.0	69.5	132.6
July	70.7	87.7	4.5	4.9	69.3	133.0

(a) Trend estimates for January 1998 to June 1998 have been revised.

Estimates for the most recent three months may be subject to significant revisions as data for later months become available.

TREND.....

Month	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate	Civilian population aged 15 and over
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES						
1997						
May	72.4	84.1	6.9	7.6	78.9	115.3
June	72.9	84.6	6.9	7.5	79.3	115.3
July	73.2	84.8	7.0	7.7	79.6	115.4
August	73.3	84.9	7.3	7.9	79.8	115.4
September	73.2	84.7	7.5	8.1	79.8	115.5
October	72.9	84.4	7.6	8.3	79.6	115.6
November	72.6	84.1	7.6	8.3	79.3	115.7
December	72.4	84.0	7.5	8.2	79.0	115.8
1998						
January	72.3	83.9	7.4	8.1	78.7	116.0
February	72.4	83.9	7.2	7.9	78.4	116.1
March	72.6	83.9	7.2	7.9	78.3	116.3
April	72.8	83.9	7.2	7.9	78.4	116.1
May	72.9	83.8	7.3	8.1	78.7	115.9
June	72.9	83.8	7.5	8.2	78.9	115.7
July	72.9	83.8	7.7	8.4	79.0	115.7
FEMALES						
1997						
May	47.1	74.4	5.5	6.8	66.9	119.4
June	47.0	73.9	5.8	7.3	66.7	119.4
July	46.9	73.2	6.1	7.7	66.4	119.4
August	46.9	72.4	6.3	8.0	65.9	119.4
September	46.9	71.7	6.3	8.1	65.4	119.3
October	46.8	71.3	6.3	8.1	64.9	119.5
November	46.6	71.1	6.1	7.9	64.6	119.6
December	46.4	71.3	5.9	7.6	64.5	119.7
1998						
January	46.3	71.8	5.5	7.1	64.6	119.8
February	46.2	72.6	5.2	6.7	64.8	119.9
March	46.2	73.4	4.9	6.2	65.2	120.0
April	46.3	74.2	4.6	5.9	65.7	119.9
May	46.4	74.8	4.4	5.6	66.2	119.8
June	46.4	75.5	4.3	5.4	66.6	119.7
July	46.3	75.9	4.2	5.3	67.0	119.6
PERSONS						
1997						
May	119.5	158.4	12.3	7.2	72.7	234.7
June	119.9	158.4	12.7	7.4	72.9	234.8
July	120.1	158.0	13.1	7.7	72.9	234.8
August	120.2	157.3	13.6	7.9	72.8	234.8
September	120.0	156.4	13.8	8.1	72.5	234.8
October	119.7	155.6	13.9	8.2	72.1	235.1
November	119.2	155.3	13.7	8.1	71.8	235.3
December	118.8	155.3	13.4	7.9	71.6	235.6
1998						
January	118.6	155.7	12.9	7.6	71.5	235.8
February	118.7	156.4	12.4	7.3	71.5	236.1
March	118.9	157.2	12.0	7.1	71.6	236.3
April	119.1	158.0	11.8	7.0	72.0	236.0
May	119.2	158.7	11.8	6.9	72.3	235.7
June	119.3	159.3	11.8	6.9	72.7	235.4
July	119.2	159.7	11.9	6.9	72.9	235.3

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains preliminary estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the Labour Force Survey component of the monthly population survey. Estimates for the current month are preliminary and subject to revision. Revised estimates for the current month and more detailed estimates will be published in *Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

MONTHLY POPULATION SURVEY

2 The population survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (currently about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and a list sample of non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about 0.5% of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by specially trained interviewers. The interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the reference week).

TELEPHONE INTERVIEWING

3 The ABS has introduced the use of telephone interviewing into the Labour Force Survey. Households selected for the Labour Force Survey are interviewed each month for 8 months, with one eighth of the sample being replaced each month. The first interview is conducted face-to-face. Subsequent interviews are conducted by telephone (if acceptable to the respondent). Telephone interviewing was phased in for each new sample group from August 1996 to February 1997.

4 During the period of implementation, the new method produced different estimates than would have been obtained under the old methodology. The effect peaked in November 1996, when it is estimated that the published estimate of total employment was about 36,000 to 48,000 lower than would have been measured under the old methodology. The effect dissipated over the final months of implementation and was no longer discernible from February 1997. Therefore, the estimates for February 1997 and onwards are directly comparable to estimates for periods prior to August 1996.

SCOPE OF SURVEY

5 The Labour Force Survey includes all persons aged 15 and over except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments customarily excluded from census and estimated populations, overseas residents in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

COVERAGE

6 In the Labour Force Survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. The coverage rules are necessarily a balance between theoretical and operational considerations. Nevertheless, the chance of a person being enumerated at two separate dwellings in the survey is considered to be negligible.

POPULATION BENCHMARKS

7 Labour Force Survey estimates are calculated in such a way as to add up to independent estimates of the civilian population aged 15 and over (population benchmarks). From February 1994, labour force estimates have been compiled using benchmarks based on the results of the 1991 Census of Population and Housing. Small revisions were made to many of the historical estimates from January 1989 to January 1994.

REVISION OF SERIES

8 From April 1986, the definition of employed persons was changed to include persons who worked without pay between 1 and 14 hours per week in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers). For further information, see paragraphs 36 and 37 of the Explanatory Notes to the February 1987 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

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SURVEY SAMPLE REDESIGN

9 The Labour Force Survey sample has been reselected using information collected in the 1996 Census of Population and Housing.

10 The bulk of the new sample was phased in over the period September 1997 to April 1998, with one eighth of this portion of the sample being introduced every month. The remainder of the sample (about 15% of the total), which covers less settled areas of Australia and non-private dwellings was rotated in full for New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory in September 1997, and for Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia in October 1997. Such a pattern of implementation means that any changes to labour force estimates due to differences between the two samples, or any other influences, was spread over the eight months.

11 For further details, see *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Sample Design* (6269.0).

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

12 Two types of error are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey: sampling error and non-sampling error.

Sampling error occurs because a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed. One measure of the likely difference resulting from not including all dwellings in the survey is given by the standard error. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Standard errors of estimates for the latest month and of estimates of movements since the previous month are shown on pages 30 and 31. Standard errors of other estimates and other movements may be determined by using information in the Technical Notes in *Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

Non sampling error arises from inaccuracies in collecting, recording and processing the data. Every effort is made to minimise reporting error by the careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and efficient data processing procedures.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION

13 Seasonally adjusted series are published in Tables 2, 5 and 12 to 17. Seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. The results of the latest review were used to compile the revised seasonally adjusted and trend estimates given in this publication. Information about the method of adjustment and revised seasonally adjusted and trend estimates for all months from January 1991 were published in an appendix to the February 1996 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

14 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. This means that month-to-month movements of the seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. For example, irregular factors unrelated to the trend account for more than half the seasonally adjusted movement with the following frequency:

- Employment: 5 in 10 monthly movements
- Unemployment: 7 in 10 monthly movements
- Unemployment rate: 7 in 10 monthly movements
- Participation rate: 9 in 10 monthly movements.

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SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION *continued*

15 The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted series, and creates trend estimates. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months except the last six. The last six monthly trend estimates are obtained by applying surrogates of the Henderson average to the seasonally adjusted series. Trend series are used to analyse the underlying behaviour of the series over time. These are published in tables 3, 6 and 12 to 19.

16 While this smoothing technique enables estimates to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the most recent months as additional observations become available. Generally, subsequent revisions become smaller, and after three months have a negligible impact on the series. There will also be revisions as a result of the annual review of seasonal factors.

17 Trend estimates are published for the Northern Territory in table 18 and for the Australian Capital Territory in table 19. Unadjusted series for the two Territories have shown, historically, a high degree of variability, which can lead to considerable revisions to the seasonally adjusted estimates after each annual seasonal factor re-analysis. Seasonally adjusted estimates are not currently published for the two Territories. The most recent six months trend estimates are subject to revision. For the three most recent months, the revision may be relatively large. Inferences about trends drawn from smoothed seasonally adjusted (trend) estimates for months earlier than the latest three months are unlikely to be affected by month to month revisions. They may be affected by revision resulting from the annual re-analysis of seasonal factors.

18 For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series — Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview* (1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (02) 6252 6345.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

19 Users may also wish to refer to *Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). This publication contains a detailed list of related publications which are available from ABS Bookshops.

20 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.

UNPUBLISHED STATISTICS

21 As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries should be made to Matthew Paull on 02 6252 6525, or to any ABS office.

EFFECTS OF ROUNDING

22 Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

23 Estimates of movement shown in this publication are obtained by taking the difference of unrounded estimates. The movement estimate is then rounded to one decimal place. Therefore where a discrepancy occurs between the reported movement and the difference of the rounded estimates, the reported movement will be more accurate.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

- * subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See the Technical Notes in 6203.0 for more details.
- .. not applicable
- r revised
- pts percentage points

GLOSSARY

Actively looking for work	Includes writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering an advertisement for a job; checking factory noticeboards or the touchscreens at the Centrelink offices; being registered with Centrelink as a jobseeker; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives.
Attending school	Persons aged 15 to 19 enrolled full time at secondary or high schools in the reference week.
Attending tertiary educational institution full time	Persons aged 15 to 24 enrolled full time at a TAFE college, university, or other educational institution in the reference week.
Employed	Persons aged 15 and over who, during the reference week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers); or ■ worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers); or ■ were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ on paid leave, on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week, ■ stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week, ■ on strike or locked out, ■ on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job, or ■ receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or ■ were employers, own account workers or contributing family workers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.
Full-time workers	Employed persons who usually worked 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and those who, although usually working less than 35 hours a week, worked 35 hours or more during the reference week
Labour force	For any group, persons who were employed or unemployed, as defined.
Labour force status	A classification of the civilian population aged 15 and over into employed, unemployed or not in the labour force, as defined. The definitions conform closely to the international standard definitions adopted by the International Conferences of Labour Statisticians.
Not in the labour force	Persons who were not in the categories employed or unemployed as defined.
Participation rate	For any group, the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.
Part-time workers	Employed persons who usually worked less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the reference week.
Seasonally adjusted series	A time series of estimates with the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation removed. See Explanatory Note 13 to 14 for more detail.
Trend series	A smoothed seasonally adjusted series of estimates. See Explanatory Notes 15 to 17 for more detail.

G L O S S A R Y

Unemployed	Persons aged 15 and over who were not employed during the reference week, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week and:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ were available for work in the reference week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the reference week), or■ were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and would have started in the reference week if the job had been available then; or■ were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week (including the whole of the reference week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.
Unemployed looking for first full-time job	Unemployed persons looking for full-time work (as defined above) who had never worked full time for two weeks or more
Unemployed looking for full-time work	Unemployed persons who actively looked for full-time work, or were to resume a full-time job from which they had been stood down.
Unemployed looking for part-time work	Unemployed persons who had actively looked for part-time work only, or were to resume a part-time job from which they had been stood down.
Unemployment rate	For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.
Unemployment to population ratio	For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the civilian population in the same group.

STANDARD ERRORS

The estimates in this publication are based on information gained from the occupants of a sample survey of dwellings. Because the entire population is not surveyed, the published estimates are subject to sampling error. The most common way of quantifying such sampling error is to calculate the standard error for the published estimate or statistic.

LEVEL ESTIMATES

To illustrate, let us say the published level estimate for employed persons aged 15 to 19 is 500,000. The calculated standard error in this case is 9,000. The standard error is then used to interpret the level estimate of 500,000. For instance, the standard error of 9,000 indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real value falls within the range 491,000 to 509,000 (500,000 + or - 9,000)
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real value falls within the range 482,000 to 518,000 (500,000 + or - 18,000).

The real value in this case is the result we would obtain if we could enumerate the total population.

The following tables show the standard errors for this month's level estimates.

	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....			Labour force	Not in labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total				
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000				
NSW	14.8	9.8	16.2	5.9	3.3	6.4	16.6	14.0	0.2	0.3
Vic.	12.2	8.5	13.4	5.1	3.1	5.6	13.8	11.5	0.2	0.4
Qld	9.5	6.6	10.6	4.1	2.3	4.4	10.9	8.8	0.3	0.4
SA	5.1	3.6	5.7	2.3	1.3	2.5	5.9	5.2	0.4	0.5
WA	6.4	4.5	7.1	2.5	1.4	2.7	7.3	5.7	0.3	0.5
Tas.	1.7	1.3	1.8	0.9	0.5	1.0	1.8	1.7	0.5	0.5
NT	2.1	1.0	2.3	0.5	0.3	0.6	2.4	1.6	0.6	1.8
ACT	1.6	1.1	1.8	0.6	0.4	0.7	1.9	1.3	0.4	0.8
Males	20.0	9.5	20.9	8.1	3.4	8.5	21.5	15.2	0.2	0.3
Females	15.7	14.1	19.1	6.2	4.5	7.3	19.6	18.5	0.2	0.3
Persons	22.9	15.7	25.2	9.6	5.4	10.4	25.9	21.6	0.1	0.2

	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....				
	Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	pts	pts	pts	pts	pts
NSW	2.7	5.6	5.9	3.3	6.4	2.8	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
Vic.	2.1	4.8	5.1	3.1	5.6	3.6	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2
Qld	1.8	3.9	4.1	2.3	4.4	2.7	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3
SA	1.0	2.2	2.3	1.3	2.5	4.6	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.4
WA	1.1	2.3	2.5	1.4	2.7	3.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.3
Tas.	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.5	1.0	4.8	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.5
NT	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	4.6	0.7	0.7	1.5	0.6
ACT	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.7	7.5	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.4
Males	3.3	7.7	8.1	3.4	8.5	1.8	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
Females	2.7	5.8	6.2	4.5	7.3	2.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Persons	4.2	9.0	9.6	5.4	10.4	1.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1

STANDARD ERRORS *continued*

MOVEMENT ESTIMATES

The following example illustrates how to use the standard error to interpret a movement estimate. Let us say that one month the published level estimate for females employed part time in Australia is 1,387,000; the next month the published level estimate is 1,400,000. The calculated standard error for the movement estimate is 10,600. The standard error is then used to interpret the published movement estimate of 13,000. For instance, the standard error of 10,600 indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real movement over the two month period falls within the range 2,400 to 23,600 (13,000 + or - 10,600)
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real movement falls within the range -8,200 to 34,200 (13,000 + or - 21,200).

The following tables show the standard errors for this month's movement estimates.

	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....			Labour force	Not in labour force	'000	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000					
NSW	11.5	7.5	12.7	4.6	2.8	5.0	13.0	10.9	0.2	0.3	
Vic.	8.8	6.1	9.9	3.7	2.3	4.0	10.2	8.3	0.2	0.3	
Qld	6.6	4.7	7.3	3.0	1.9	3.2	7.5	6.1	0.2	0.3	
SA	3.5	2.5	3.9	1.6	0.9	1.7	4.0	3.5	0.2	0.3	
WA	4.6	3.2	5.1	1.9	1.2	2.1	5.3	4.1	0.2	0.4	
Tas.	1.5	1.1	1.7	0.7	0.4	0.8	1.7	1.5	0.4	0.5	
NT	1.3	0.7	1.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	1.5	1.0	0.4	1.1	
ACT	1.2	0.8	1.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	1.4	1.0	0.3	0.6	
Males	15.2	7.3	15.9	6.1	2.9	6.4	16.5	11.4	0.1	0.2	
Females	11.8	10.6	14.5	4.8	3.8	5.6	14.9	14.0	0.1	0.2	
Persons	17.7	12.0	19.8	7.2	4.4	7.9	20.4	16.6	0.1	0.1	

	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....				
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	pts	pts	pts	pts	pts
NSW	2.3	4.3	4.6	2.8	5.0	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
Vic.	1.7	3.5	3.7	2.3	4.0	3.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
Qld	1.5	2.9	3.0	1.9	3.2	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
SA	0.8	1.5	1.6	0.9	1.7	3.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2
WA	1.0	1.8	1.9	1.2	2.1	2.7	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2
Tas.	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.8	3.7	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.4
NT	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	4.7	0.5	0.5	1.1	0.4
ACT	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	7.6	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.3
Males	2.8	5.8	6.1	2.9	6.4	1.5	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.1
Females	2.4	4.5	4.8	3.8	5.6	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Persons	3.4	6.8	7.2	4.4	7.9	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1

WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

Each time new seasonally adjusted estimates become available, trend estimates are revised (see paragraphs 13 and 14 of Explanatory Notes).

TREND REVISIONS

The examples in the tables below show four illustrative scenarios and the consequent revisions to previous trend estimates of employment and unemployment rate.

1 The August seasonally adjusted estimate is the same as the July estimate.

2 The August seasonally adjusted estimate is higher than the July estimate by:

- +0.33% for employment
- +2.0% for the unemployment rate

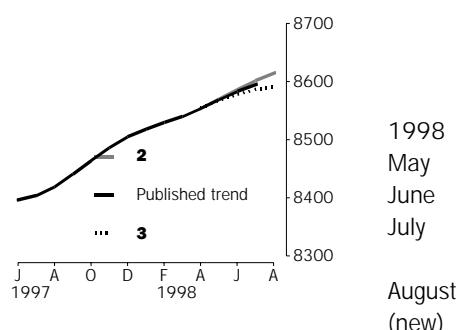
3 The August seasonally adjusted estimate is lower than the July estimate by:

- -0.33% for employment
- -2.0% for the unemployment rate

4 The August seasonally adjusted estimate results in a revised July trend estimate which is identical to the new August trend estimate.

The percentage changes of 0.33% and 2.0% were chosen because they represent the average absolute monthly percentage changes in employment and the unemployment rate respectively.

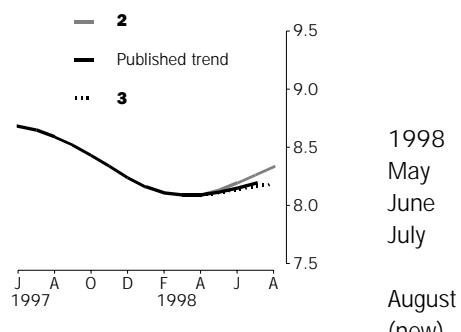
EMPLOYMENT ('000)



WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS:

	1 TREND as PUBLISHED i.e. the same as Jul 1998	2 i.e. rises by 0.33%	3 i.e. falls by 0.33%	4 i.e. same trend for Jul & Aug
1998	8 598.0	8 626.4	8 569.7	8 537.0
May	8 568.9	8 568.9	8 570.2	8 567.6
June	8 582.6	8 582.5	8 586.7	8 578.3
July	8 594.4	8 594.0	8 601.9	8 586.1
August (new)	—	8 602.7	8 614.6	8 590.7
				8 577.0

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)



WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS:

	1 TREND as PUBLISHED i.e. the same as Jul 1998	2 i.e. rises by 2.0%	3 i.e. falls by 2.0%	4 i.e. same trend for Jul & Aug
1998	8.3	8.5	8.1	8.0
May	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1
June	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.1
July	8.2	8.2	8.3	8.2
August (new)	—	8.3	8.3	8.2
				8.1

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